



Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Application

CROSSROADS-OF-AMERICA:

Replacing Bridges on I-35/I-240 in Oklahoma City

Letters of Support

Grant Request: \$61,250,000	Total Project Cost: \$122,500,000
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May 6, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for funding through the Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. This project would improve the connection of Interstate 35 and Interstate 240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system.

The I-35 & I-240 Interchange is crucial to the function of Oklahoma City and the nation. Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is a critical intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44. I-240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City connecting people to healthcare, education, and employment, as well as, major transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base. The interchange in Oklahoma City sees over 13,000 trucks per day and ODOT has identified the I-35 corridor as a freight bottleneck at this location.

Reconstruction of the I-35/I-240 Crossroads will create a multi-level interchange with dedicated interstate ramps and improve city street access with added ramps, turnaround lanes and service roads. Completion of this project will assist in the safety, accessibility, and travel time for network users.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG. Please contact my office if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

In God We Trust,



James Lankford
United States Senator for Oklahoma

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May 6, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant – Crossroads of America: Replacing Poor Bridges
on I-35/I-240

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to request your full and equitable consideration of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program. This project proposes to create a multi-level interchange with dedicated interstate ramps and improve city street access with added ramps, turnaround lanes, and service roads.

Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is an intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44. I-240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City connecting people to healthcare, education, and employment, as well as major transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base. The interchange in Oklahoma City sees over 13,000 trucks per day and ODOT has identified the I-35 corridor as a freight bottleneck at this location. Completion of this project will provide safety, accessibility, and reasonable travel times for network users.

Thank you for your consideration of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program.

Sincerely,



Stephanie I. Bice
Member of Congress

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity for Crossroads of America:
Replacing Poor Bridges on I-35/I-240 in Oklahoma City**

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

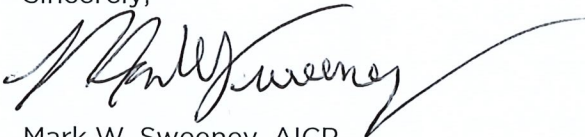
On behalf of the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program. This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve Oklahoma's and nation's interstate system.

The I-35 and I-240 Interchange is crucial to the function of Oklahoma City and the nation. Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is a critical intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44. Interstate 240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City connecting people to healthcare, education, and employment, as well as major transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base, the largest single-site employer in the state. This interchange in Oklahoma City sees over 13,000 trucks per day and ODOT has identified the I-35 corridor as a freight bottleneck at this location.

Reconstruction of the I-35/I-240 Crossroads will create a multi-level interchange with dedicated interstate ramps and improve city street access with added ramps, turnaround lanes and service roads. Completion of this project will assist in the safety, accessibility, and travel time for network users.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG Program. If we can provide any additional information for this effort, please feel free to contact me at (405) 234-2264 or msweeney@acogok.org.

Sincerely,



Mark W. Sweeney, AICP
Executive Director



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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the people of Oklahoma City, I am writing to voice our city's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system.

The I-35 & I-240 Interchange is crucial to the function of Oklahoma City and the nation. Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is a critical intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44. I-240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City connecting people to health care, education and employment. It also provides a connection to major transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base. The interchange in Oklahoma City sees over 13,000 trucks per day and ODOT has identified the I-35 corridor as a freight bottleneck at this location.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG. Please contact my office if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

Sincerely,

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David Holt
Mayor

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April 24, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Crossroads of America: Replacing Poor Bridges on I-35/I-240 in Oklahoma City

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of EMBARK, Oklahoma City's public transportation and parking agency, please accept this letter of support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the MPDG. This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system.

The I-35 & I-240 Interchange is crucial to the function of Oklahoma City and the nation. Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is a critical intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40, and I-44. I-240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City connecting people to healthcare, education, and employment, as well as major transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base. The interchange in Oklahoma City sees over 13,000 trucks per day and ODOT has identified the I-35 corridor as a freight bottleneck at this location.

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Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG. Please contact our offices if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Ferbrache".

Jason Ferbrache
Director, EMBARK and Administrator, Central Oklahoma Transportation and
Parking Authority

April 24, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, a regional economic development organization with over 3,000 members, I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to optimally serve the state and nation's transportation and commercial needs.

The I-35 and I-240 Interchange is vital to the function of the nation's interstate highway system. Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is a critical intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south through the nation's fastest growing mega-region (Laredo, TX – Kansas City, MO) while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44.

I-240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City connecting people to critical healthcare, education, and employment needs. This major interchange also connects to transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base, the state's largest single site employer with over 26,000 employees and a crown jewel of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. national security interests.

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Thank you for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG. Please contact the Chamber if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

Sincerely,



Christy Gillenwater
President/CEO
Greater OKC Chamber



May 1, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the MPDG. This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system.

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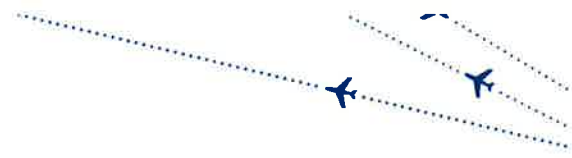
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Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG. Please contact our offices if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

Sincerely,

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Chad Warmington
President & CEO
The State Chamber of Oklahoma



April 22, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the MPDG. This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Mulder
Director of Airports
Oklahoma City/OKC Airport Trust



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Friday, April 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

As the “*voice of trucking*” in Oklahoma, we represent the unified interest of our member companies that literally have a front row seat to the needs of infrastructure across our state. Having polled our members, the Oklahoma Trucking Association, believes this project meets the desired goals state for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the MPDG. This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation’s interstate system.

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The Oklahoma Trucking Association strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT’s application for the MPDG. Please contact our offices if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

Sincerely,

Jim Newport
CEO/President
Oklahoma Trucking Association

Mario Archaga
Chairman

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First Vice Chairman

Carmalieta Wells
Second Vice Chairman

Jim Newport
President & CEO

