



Roosevelt Memorial Bridge Investment Project

Bryan and Marshall Counties, Oklahoma
May 2024

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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:

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

In God We Trust,



James Lankford
United States Senator for Oklahoma



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 22, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Re: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant - Roosevelt Memorial Bridge Investment Project

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Sincerely,

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Josh Brecheen
Member of Congress



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BILL ANOATUBBY
GOVERNOR

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Washington, DC 20590

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bo Ellis, Director of Roads Program, at (580) 272-5499.

Sincerely,

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Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

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May 2, 2024

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

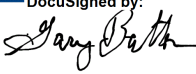
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Gary Batton
Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



**MARSHALL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION 05-06-2024- H

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)
LETTER OF SUPPORT – ROOSEVELT MPDG**

WHEREAS the Marshall County Board of Commissioners may take into consideration and act upon matters presented at a public body meeting pertaining to Marshall County, and

WHEREAS the Board has been presented with a request from Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide a Letter of Support for their application to Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program for the Roosevelt Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE A MOTION HAS BEEN PROPOSED by Commissioner Don Melton and seconded by Commissioner Chris Duroy to approve the item as presented.

WHEREUPON Commissioner Melton votes: yes, Commissioner Hartin votes: yes and Commissioner Duroy votes: yes, said Resolution was RESOLVED this 6 day of May 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Nick Hartin
Nick Hartin, Chairman

Chris Duroy
Chris Duroy, Vice-Chairman

Don Melton
Don Melton, Member



ATTEST:

Gloria Salazar
Gloria Salazar, Marshall County Clerk



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5/6/2024

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Sincerely,


Kyle Henry

Southcentral Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization



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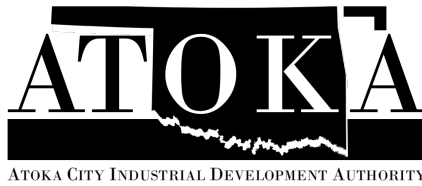
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Sincerely,

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Executive Director



Tuesday, April 23, 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: Roosevelt Memorial Bridge Investment Project (2025/2026 MPDG MEGA/INFRA)

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Atoka City Industrial Development Authority, I am writing to support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2025/2026 MPDG application for the Roosevelt Bridge: US-70 over Lake Texoma.

Access to SE Oklahoma is pivotal to our success in improving the quality of life for our residents. The Roosevelt Bridge carries US-70 over Lake Texoma and provides a critical east-west connection across southern Oklahoma. The Roosevelt Bridge is a critical transportation link in light of regional freight patterns and the lack of alternative routes. Any closure of the Roosevelt Bridge, whether due to flooding or traffic incidents, results in a significant detour of approximately 39 miles. This bridge on Hwy 70 is in dire need of repairs.

The proposed Project will provide a safe crossing of Lake Texoma that meets all current design criteria, accommodate future traffic demands, improve the efficiency and reliability of the movement of people and freight, increase resiliency, provide a new bicycle and pedestrian crossing, and consider innovative project delivery methods such as accelerated bridge construction and progressive design-build.

Atoka City Industrial Development Authority supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state, and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to call us if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Ervin".

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Chad Warmington
President & CEO
The State Chamber of Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA BICYCLE SOCIETY



Since 1974

4/25/2024

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Sincerely,
Angela Coffman
Oklahoma Bicycle Society President



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 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. This project would provide crucial improvements to the Roosevelt Memorial Bridge on US-70 over Lake Texoma.

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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 for your consideration of ODOT’s application for the MPDG opportunity. 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

Bobby Smith
First Vice Chairman

Carmalieta Wells
Second Vice Chairman

Jim Newport
President & CEO



April 30, 2024

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

RE: Roosevelt Memorial Bridge Investment Project (2025/2026 MPDG)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), I am pleased to present this application for 2025/2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) funds. We take pride in our mission “to provide a safe, economical and effective transportation network for the people, commerce and communities of Oklahoma” and this application has been developed in this spirit.

ODOT is committing \$61,925,000 in non-federal funds of future eligible project costs as local match for the project should it be selected for award.

Sincerely,



Tim J. Gatz
Executive Director