



Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety Project

Letters of Support

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FY2025-2026 MPD Grant Application

MPD Grant Request: \$20 million

JAMES LANKFORD
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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 Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. The *Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety Project* will expand a section of highway in rural Southeast Oklahoma which has seen substantial growth over the past decade.

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

Re: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant - Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Sincerely,

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Josh Brecheen
Member of Congress



May 2, 2024

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

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Gary Batton
Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Office of the Mayor
Town of Hochatown
P.O. Box 459
Broken Bow, OK 74728
940-600-2713

Friday, May 3, 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:

The Town of Hochatown is pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. The Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety Project will expand a section of highway in rural Southeast Oklahoma which has seen substantial growth over the past decade.

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Sincerely,

Dian Jordan, Ph.D.
Mayor



THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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P.O. Box 1078 - Idabel, Oklahoma 74745
580-286-7428

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Sincerely,

Tina Foshee Thomas



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Thursday, May 2, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

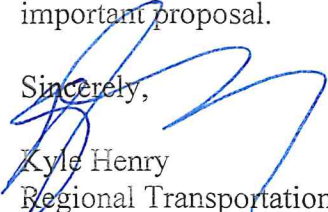
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Sincerely,


Kyle Henry
Regional Transportation Planner
Southcentral Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization



KIAMICHI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

A Regional Trust Authority of Local Governments

Monday, April 22, 2024

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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PROGRAMS:

Area Agency
on Aging
(AAA)

Economic
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Geographic
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System
(GIS)

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(REAP)

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Sincerely,

Kim Rose, KEDDO Executive Director

OKLAHOMA BICYCLE SOCIETY



Since 1974

4/25/2024

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Sincerely,
Angela Coffman
Oklahoma Bicycle Society President



OKLAHOMA
Tourism & Recreation

123 Robert S Kerr Ave, Ste 1000
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Friday, April 26, 2024

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

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (OTRD), I am writing to voice our support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. The Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety Project will expand a section of highway in rural Southeast Oklahoma which has seen substantial growth over the past decade.

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Best Regards,

Shelley Zumwalt (Apr 26, 2024 15:52 CDT)

Shelley Zumwalt
Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife & Heritage



Thursday, May 2, 2024

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Sincerely,

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Chad Warmington
President & CEO
The State Chamber of Oklahoma



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. The Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety Project will expand a section of highway in rural Southeast Oklahoma which has seen substantial growth over the past decade.

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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 program. 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: Hochatown Community Access and Pedestrian Safety 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 \$20,000,000 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