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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 project aims to revamp the existing highway network surrounding the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Mayes County, including major road improvements to the Highway System and enhancements to local roads.

The MidAmerica Industrial Park is the largest industrial park in the state and is one of the largest parks in the nation. The park is home to over 80 companies and strategically located near U.S. Highway 69, just south of the City of Pryor and slightly over 40 miles from Tulsa. The existing local roadway network relies heavily on narrow two-lane roads that feed to the highways that surround the park with little to no access within the core of the property available for new commerce. Additionally, the local roadways are disjointed and have limited access points to the larger highway system, causing delays due to access in and out of the park.

The proposed *MidAmerica Connectivity Project* will improve sections and interchanges on US-412 and US-69, as well as street and trail improvements in and surrounding the park. The improvements also include railroad crossings, pedestrian accommodations, improved shoulders, and a new roundabout intersection with Patrol Road, the southern primary local road within the park. Completion of the project would be a transformative initiative that holds immense potential for rural Oklahoma. By enhancing infrastructure, prioritizing safety, fostering economic growth, and promoting environmental consciousness, this project will pave the way for the MidAmerica Industrial Park and the surrounding communities to continue economic growth and expansion.

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



**Board of County Commissioners  
Mayes County, Oklahoma**

**Alva Martin, District No. 1  
Darrell Yoder, District No. 2  
Randy Pierce, District 3  
Dana Thompson, Secretary**

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Monday, April 29, 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: 2024-2025 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application,  
MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:


On Behalf of Mayes County District 2, I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2024/2025 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) Located south of Pryor Oklahoma

The Board of Mayes County Commissioners strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and Please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Darrell Yoder, Chairman

  
Alva Martin, Member

  
Randy Pierce, Member



THE STATE CHAMBER

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are 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 project aims to revamp the existing highway network surrounding the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Mayes County, including major road improvements to the Highway System and enhancements to local roads.

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Thank you in advance for your strong 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,

Chad Warmington  
President & CEO  
The State Chamber of Oklahoma



Wednesday, 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: 2023/2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to voice support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RUAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor, Oklahoma.

The Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state, and nation. We strongly urge your support of the total funding of the project. I appreciate your consideration, and please feel free to call us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Houston Brittain  
President & CEO



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

**RE: 2024-2025 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.**

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2024/2025 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

A large portion of our GRDA employees work in and adjacent to the MAIP area, and these transportation improvements will enhance the safety of their daily commutes. These improvements will also provide overall benefits to other business and industry in an area that plays a key role in the economy of the state, region, and country.

We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Daniel S. Sullivan  
Chief Executive Officer

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We are dedicated to **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, providing resources and supporting economic growth.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
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RE: 2024-2025 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Chouteau, I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

The Town of Chouteau and Chouteau Board of Trustees strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Brenda Cunningham, MSW, LCSW  
Mayor, Town of Chouteau



Friday, May 3, 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: US-412 Priority Improvements for Interstate Designation (2025/2026 MPDG INFRA/MEGA)**

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority, a/k/a MidAmerica Industrial Park, I am writing to express strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2025/2026 MPDG application for improvements to US-412. As the largest Industrial Park in the region, we serve over 80 companies that employ over 4,500 people. The proposed improvements to US-412 are both necessary and urgent to provide for motorist safety, better facilitate traffic, improve freight movement and to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

The Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority strongly supports the US-412 priority improvements for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. The proposed project supports a network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and freight movement. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Stewart".

David Stewart  
Chief Administrative Officer and Trustee  
MidAmerica Industrial Park



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 project aims to revamp the existing highway network surrounding the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Mayes County, including major road improvements to the Highway System and enhancements to local roads.

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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: MidAmerica Connectivity 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 \$8,000,000 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



May 1, 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 funding for the MidAmerica Industrial Park  
Connectivity Project

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority d/b/a MidAmerica Industrial Park, I am pleased to support the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant funding for the MidAmerica Industrial Park Connectivity Project. The proposed Project is a vital contribution to the region, state, and nation and supports a network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and freight movement.

Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority is committing \$15.7 million in non-federal funds, pending board approval, of future eligible project costs as a local match for the MidAmerica Industrial Park Connectivity Project, should it be selected for award of the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant.

Sincerely,

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David R. Stewart  
Chief Administrative Officer