

June 6, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

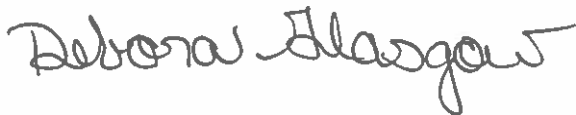
RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) funding for the  
US-281/Route 66 Bridgeport Bridge in Caddo and Canadian Counties

Honorable Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to assist with the US-281/Route 66 Bridgeport Bridge in Caddo and Canadian Counties. The proposed improvements to this Bridge is both necessary and urgent to provide for motorist safety, better facilitate traffic and improve freight movement and to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

The Southwestern Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization, a program under South Western Oklahoma Development Authority, strongly supports the US-281/Route 66 Bridgeport Bridge project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. The proposed project supports a network that strongly impacts Oklahoma's economy and freight movement, as well as upholds a significant cultural and historical attraction along our Nation's famous Route 66. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free (580.562.4882) to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Debora Glasgow  
Executive Director  
South Western Oklahoma Development Authority