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

RE: Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant opportunity  
for **Bridging the Gap: New Multimodal Connections over the Oklahoma River**

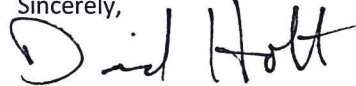
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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 Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for Bridging the Gap: New Multimodal Connections over the Oklahoma River. This project is vital to Oklahoma City's urban mobility goals.

Our city's Interstate 35 bridges sit at the center of America's 20<sup>th</sup>-largest city and are a critical node in the nation's highway network. These bridges are aging and this project is part of an effort to move into a more sustainable future for these critical connectors. A unique aspect of this new multimodal bridge project is the tremendous community impact that this proposal will offer our community. Since the I-35 bridges were built over three decades ago, the Oklahoma River has been dammed and is now host to elite international rowing races. In addition, near the edge of the river is the Riversport whitewater facility, an official U.S. States Olympic and Paralympic Training Site.

Under the I-35 bridges and along the edge of downtown Oklahoma City runs the scenic Oklahoma River, a seven-mile-long waterway, with 13 miles of adjacent paved trails that have reinvented outdoor recreation in the capital city. The new proposed bridge would provide a safer independent facility to provide non-vehicular access to amenities and the paved trails on both sides of the river. This will improve access to ten interconnected trails that cover nearly 100 miles. This project includes connections to the First Americans Museum and the largely Hispanic Capitol Hill district, a Historically Disadvantaged Community located on the south side of the Oklahoma River.

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

Sincerely,  
  
David Holt  
Mayor