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

RE: Bridge Investment Program (BIP) for the I-40 over Portland and I-44 K Interchange Project in Oklahoma County

Dear Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The City of Oklahoma City, I am writing to voice our City's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant to assist with the I-40 over Portland and I-44 K Interchange Project in Oklahoma County.

Interstate 40 (I-40) is a large urban interstate corridor that serves as the primary east-west route through the downtown and central business district of Oklahoma City. The I-40 corridor has undergone numerous large projects to keep up with revitalization and expansion within the Oklahoma City business core. The goals of the bridge improvements are to provide additional lane capacity, improve operations within the interchange, and ensure the structures meet current design standards.

There are ten bridges within the I-40 & I-44 K Interchange and I-40 Portland project extents. Within the project, eight of those bridges are or in danger of becoming rated structurally deficient. Six of the eight endangered bridges would be addressed within the proposed projects. The bridges were constructed in the late 1960's and are showing signs of reaching the end of their design life.

The City of Oklahoma City strongly supports I-40 over Portland and I-44 K Interchange Project in Oklahoma County 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 on me with questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

David Holt
Mayor