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To Whom It May Concern:

Oklahoma Southeast is a regional economic development association with approximately 65 members located within the southeast quadrant of Oklahoma. These members represent cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, businesses, non-profits, and more. Each year the association works to advance economic and workforce development initiatives to foster growth in the region, bringing site selectors and financial professionals to local communities to promote business development and expansion.

The Roosevelt Bridge, located on US 70 and crossing Lake Texoma, is becoming structurally unsound due to its long life and heavy use by freight and passenger vehicles. The traffic to our communities is a sign that our region is growing, both in business developments and as a tourism destination.

For this reason, the members of Oklahoma Southeast support efforts to renew and expand the bridges capacity to a four-lane bridge. While this project is on the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's 8-year plan, this project needs funding allocated immediately. The safety of the citizens and visitors to our communities via the Roosevelt Bridge must be made a priority.

Oklahoma Southeast will assist in any way necessary to see this project move forward and we appreciate the efforts of the many individuals and entities located in this area who are working to help make this corridor a safer and more easily travelled thoroughfare.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at citymanager@cityofwewoka.com.

Sincerely,

Mark Mosely, Chair
Oklahoma Southeast