



**SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
RESOLUTION TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF
DURANT, OKLAHOMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE POLICY BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SCORTPO), THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SUBSIDIARY OF THE SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (SODA), SERVICING A TEN-COUNTY REGION IN SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA, FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOSEVELT BRIDGE ON U.S. HIGHWAY 70 OVER LAKE TEXOMA.

WHEREAS, the existing bridge was constructed in 1942 and is considered functionally obsolete and at risk of becoming structurally deficient, resulting in substantial and perpetual maintenance and repair costs; and

WHEREAS, traffic on U.S. 70 and across the Roosevelt Bridge has increased substantially; and

WHEREAS, much of U.S. 70 has been upgraded to a 4-lane highway and the existing 2-lane bridge creates traffic limitations that potentially impact the travel and tourism economy and the movement of freight across rural southern Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation is currently performing a preliminary engineering study; and,

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation has released its 8-Year Plan, including a project to replace the Roosevelt Bridge across Lake Texoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFORESTATED PREMISES, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICY BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION that;

SCORTPO requests the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to explore any and all options that would expedite the replacement of the Roosevelt Bridge across Lake Texoma including, but not limited to submitting applications for federal funding opportunities for bridge and transportation planning and construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO:

Mr. Tim Gatz, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation and Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation

PASSED AND RESOLVED: By the Policy Board of the South Central Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SCORTPO) this 28th day of June, 2022.



Lisa Taylor, SCORTPO Chair



Danielle O'Neal, SCORTPO Secretary