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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590

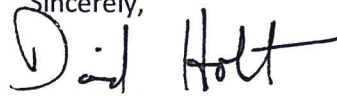
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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 to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) for the Interstate 35 and Interstate 240 interchange. This project would improve the connection of I-35 and I-240, ensuring that this critical node continues to fully serve the nation's interstate system.

The I-35 and I-240 interchange is crucial to Oklahoma City's transportation system, and it is a critical connection in the national system as well. Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City is a critical intercontinental freight corridor linking the country from north to south while also intersecting two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44. I-240 serves as the southern loop of Oklahoma City, connecting people to healthcare, education, and employment, as well as major transportation generators such as Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base. It is in fact one of the major methods of ingress and egress to Tinker AFB, one of the most critical bases in our national defense. The two bridges in Oklahoma City see over 13,000 trucks per day and ODOT has identified the corridor as a freight bottleneck.

Reconstruction of the I-35 and I-240 interchange will create a multi-level interchange with dedicated interstate ramps. In addition to the benefits for interstate travel, it will improve city street access with added ramps, turnaround lanes and service roads. Completion of this project will assist in the safety, accessibility, and travel time for network users.

Thank you for your consideration of ODOT's application for the Bridge Investment Program. Please contact me if you need any further assistance as you consider this proposal.

Sincerely,  
  
David Holt  
Mayor