

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3602

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I request that the application for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant submitted by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) receive fair and full consideration by the US Department of Transportation. The ODOT's project will replace the I-40 bridge over the Arkansas River at the Muskogee and Sequoyah County line in eastern Oklahoma.

Through the BIP grant, ODOT plans to make needed improvements to the critical I-40 bridge, which is used by 21,000 vehicles, including 6,300 trucks, every day. The disproportionately high truck traffic on the I-40 bridge has reduced its anticipated lifespan. ODOT's bridge replacement project will restore this necessary national Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) infrastructure, which is considered the most critical highway in the US freight transportation system.

I formally request that the application submitted by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation receive fair and full consideration by the Department of Transportation. The potential transportation benefits stemming from this project align with the Bridge Investment Program grant objectives and will significantly impact the economic success of our nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Josh Brecheen
Member of Congress