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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Re: Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Program

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I am writing to express our support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for US Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration's FY 2024 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Program funding for the "Heartland Flyer Corridor Safety, Efficiency, and Resiliency" Project (the Project). This comprehensive project not only enhances occupied crossings in Valley View, Texas but also Davis, Oklahoma, and includes numerous smaller track resiliency projects scattered along the corridor. If awarded, this project will bolster the safety and efficiency of the Heartland Flyer corridor.

KDOT is very passionate about transportation infrastructure that provides safe and efficient mobility for both passengers and freight, and which supports local and regional economic vitality. I hope that federal participation in the Project is highly considered as this will deliver a range of benefits related to safety, efficiency, reliability, resiliency, and environment across various federally identified disadvantaged communities. Please contact Cory Davis (Cory.Davis@ks.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Calvin E. Reed, P.E.
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