March 4, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

U.S. Secretary of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: INFRA Application for I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for Oklahoma Transportation’s Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application for the I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County. The project will provide critical and necessary regional transportation improvements on the National Freight Network.

The project application includes improving the connection between the Gilcrease Expressway and I-44 in Tulsa, reconstruction of two functionally obsolete bridges, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements to reduce barriers. The project will increase safety and improve capacity to better facilitate traffic, improve freight movement, and improve access for underserved populations in Tulsa County.

Developing a regional, multi-modal transportation system the supports economic growth, enhances livability, and improves efficiency and safety of Oklahoma’s transportation network is a priority, and I believe this project supports each of those objectives as a network that is critical to Oklahoma’s economy and the nation. I urge your support to award funding this project to allow these critical transportation improvements to occur.

Thank you for your consideration of Oklahoma Transportation’s INFRA application for the I-44 and US-75 project. Please contact XXX in my office at XXX if you need any further assistance as you consider this project.

Sincerely,

Tim J. Gatz

Secretary of Transportation