



Thursday, April 28, 2022

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant (PIDP)

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Little Rock Harbor Service, Inc., I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Port Infrastructure Development Program grant to assist with the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Mooring Modernization Project. The proposed improvements to mooring structures at critical locations on the MKARNS waterway are both necessary and urgent to provide an increase in overall safety within the MKARNS network, and improve the reliability of freight movement to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

Little Rock Harbor Service, Inc. strongly supports the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Mooring Modernization Project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. The proposed project supports a network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and freight movement. We strongly urge your full funding for the project.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Capt. Mike Metzler
Little Rock Harbor Service, Inc.

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