

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Tulsa Regional Chamber, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to assist with the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County. This project will reconnect the low-income Carbondale neighborhood previously bisected when the existing interchange was constructed. The addition of sidewalks along West 51st Street and a pedestrian bridge will facilitate opportunities to an under-served portion of Tulsa, as well as connect the vast Tulsa Metropolitan trails system, the Gathering Place, and the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness, to neighborhoods on the west side of the I-44 interchange.

The Tulsa Regional Chamber strongly supports the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Tulsa Regional Chamber