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Dear Secretary Duffy:

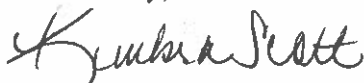
On behalf of the Muskogee City-County Port Authority, I strongly support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's request for \$76.5 million through the 2026 Bridge Investment Program to replace the I-40 and SH-100 bridges over the Arkansas River at Webbers Falls.

These aging, fracture-critical structures are the only crossings over the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) in the region. Both are functionally obsolete and increasingly vulnerable, especially under heavy truck traffic. Their failure would significantly disrupt freight, barge traffic, and regional mobility.

Replacing these bridges will improve safety, expand freight capacity, and protect critical multimodal infrastructure that supports over 5 million tons of annual waterborne freight and \$5.6 billion in economic impact.

We urge your full consideration of this vital infrastructure investment.

Sincerely,



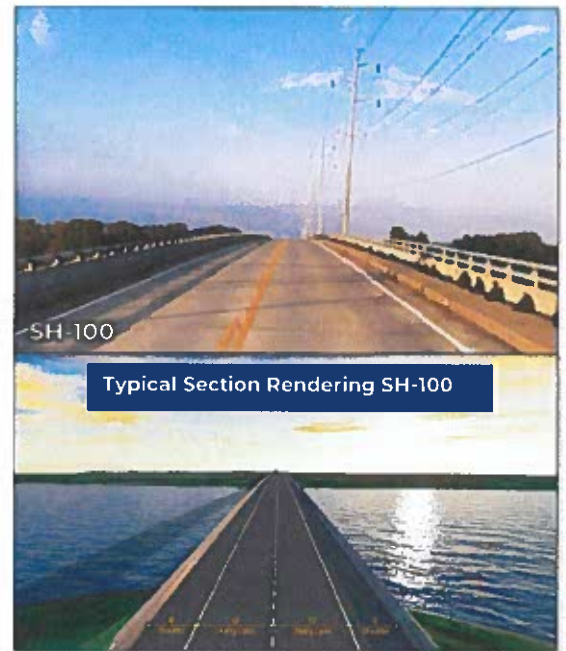
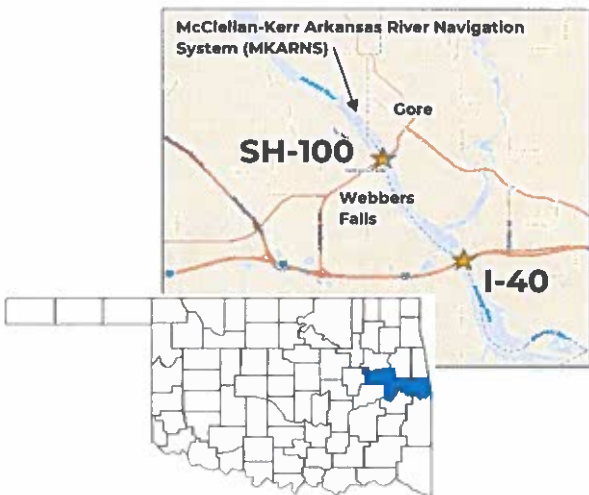
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## 2026 Large Bridge Investment Program

### I-40 and SH-100 Bridge Replacements over the Arkansas River at Webbers Falls:

BIP REQUEST	\$76,500,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$153,000,000



#### Project Background

- Bridges are Fracture Critical, functionally obsolete, and at-risk of becoming structurally deficient
- I-40 (1967) and SH-100 (1969) are the only crossings in the area over the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) having major economic impacts on motor vehicle and barge traffic

#### Project Description

- The bridges will be widened to allow for sufficient shoulder width and bridge railings will be higher to meet current design standards
- New bridges are designed to accommodate future traffic needs by having design width to expand capacity

