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The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of The Town of Gore, I am writing to voice support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant, SH-100 Bridge over the Arkansas River in Muskogee and Sequoyah Counties.

The existing SH-100 bridge over the Arkansas River was built in 1969 and is too narrow to accommodate future improvements on SH-100. It is also considered at-risk of becoming structurally deficient. The existing roadway consists of two 11 ft. wide driving lanes with 3 ft. shoulders. The new bridge would be increased from 28 ft. wide to 40 ft. wide, consisting of two 12 ft. wide driving lanes with 8 ft. wide shoulders. Modern 42 inch tall railings will be incorporated into the design to increase safety for all bridge users.

This SH-100 bridge is a significant crossing, facilitating the movement of goods and people over the Arkansas River and across eastern Oklahoma. It contributes to regional economic activity and is heavily relied upon. It also fulfills the role of critical relief route for I-40 and will play an important part of the proposed reconstruction of the Interstate 40 bridge six miles to the south.

We thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for this BIP grant. Please feel free to call on us should you have any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Mayor