



# TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OK

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Town Administrator's Office

June 17, 2026

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

Re: Support for FY26 BIP-SH-74

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Town of Goldsby, I am pleased to provide our strong support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's application for FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) funding for the SH-74 Bridge over I-35 Replacement Project in McClain County.

As Town Administrator, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and opportunities associated with Goldsby's continued growth. Located along Interstate 35, our community serves as a gateway between the Oklahoma City metropolitan area and south-central Oklahoma. Interstate 35 is the highest-capacity transportation facility within Goldsby and serves thousands of residents, businesses, commuters, and freight carriers every day. The Town's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan recognizes I-35 as a critical component of the community's transportation network and long-term economic vitality. The corridor currently accommodates approximately 50,000 vehicles per day and is expected to support significantly higher traffic volumes as future improvements are completed.

The SH-74 bridge crossing over I-35 is an essential connection for local residents and regional travelers. Its current condition presents challenges that must be addressed to ensure the continued safe and efficient movement of people and goods. As identified by ODOT, the existing structure is both structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. Replacement of this bridge will improve safety, increase reliability, and provide the capacity necessary to support future transportation demands along one of the most important freight corridors in the central United States.

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This investment is especially important to Goldsby because transportation infrastructure plays a direct role in our ability to accommodate growth responsibly. Our Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the importance of maintaining a resilient transportation system that supports economic development while preserving quality of life for residents. Reliable connections across I-35 are critical for emergency services, school transportation, local businesses, agricultural operations, and daily travel throughout McClain County. The replacement of the SH-74 bridge will help ensure these connections remain safe and dependable for decades to come.

In addition to addressing current deficiencies, the project represents a forward-looking investment in Oklahoma's transportation network. The new bridge will be designed to accommodate future improvements along the I-35 corridor, reducing the need for costly modifications later and helping maximize the long-term value of federal and state transportation investments. The project will also support freight mobility and supply chain reliability by eliminating a bottleneck along a corridor that serves national and regional commerce.

The Town of Goldsby strongly supports ODOT's FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program application and respectfully requests favorable consideration of this important project. We appreciate the U.S. Department of Transportation's commitment to investing in infrastructure that improves safety, strengthens economic competitiveness, and supports growing communities like Goldsby.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kara Cook  
Town Administrator  
Town of Goldsby