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The Honorable Sean Duffy

U.S. Secretary of Transportation

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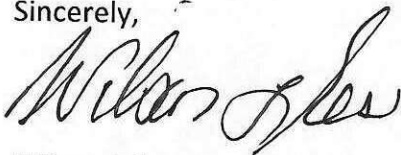
Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of McClain County, Oklahoma, I write today to offer my strong support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's application for FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant funds for the SH-74 Bridge over I-35 Replacement Project. The BIP Grant would help fund the construction to replace the structurally deficient bridge in Goldsby, Oklahoma.

The existing bridge is structurally deficient due to deck deterioration and functionally obsolete due to narrow shoulders. The project will include wider, additional driving lanes and shoulders and the ability to accommodate anticipated future capacity requirements for the I-35 corridor underneath. The I-35 corridor is the highest traffic north-south truck freight corridor in the central United States, providing critical transportation outlets for intercontinental goods movement. The existing bridge is a critical bottleneck, burdening families, freight, national productivity, and the economy – magnified by the lack of alternative routes in rural McClain County.

This project strongly aligns with Bridge Investment Program criteria and will support critical state of good repair, safety, and economic development goals for ODOT. I strongly support this application.

Sincerely,



Wilson Lyles

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McClain County