



March 10, 2021

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) funding for the US-81 bypass in Grady County

Honorable Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Standley Systems, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to assist with the US-81 bypass in Grady County. The proposed improvements to US-81 are both necessary and urgent to provide for motorist safety, better facilitate traffic and improve freight movement and to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

I am a past Mayor of Chickasha Oklahoma where the proposed bypass will be built and also own Standley Systems, a technology company. We have 9 offices around the state with Chickasha being our headquarters serving as both our warehouse and distribution point. Chickasha is also center stage to the SCOOP oil and gas play and in the middle of two large wind farm projects. The reality of these industries mean a constant stream of heavy trucks and equipment using Hwy 81 through the middle of Chickasha, with hard left turns that puts trucks on the sidewalk to complete the turn. It is a traffic nightmare at the corner of Hwy 81 and Hwy 62, and the bypass would all but do away with this dangerous heavy industrial traffic having to travel through the city's central business district.

Standley Systems strongly supports the US-81 bypass project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. The proposed project supports a network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and freight movement. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Elliott".

Greg Elliott  
Owner - COO

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