

OKLAHOMA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST SHEET

FOR THE 09/27/17 AGENDA

DEPARTMENT: Engineering REQUESTED BY: Stacey Trumbo

REQUISITION NO.: _____ REQUISITION SHEET ATTACHED: YES N/A

NAME OF FUNDS: _____

FUND NUMBERS: _____ / _____ / _____

DOES THE AGENDA ITEM CONTAIN PRIVACY-PROTECTED OR SECURITY INFORMATION? YES NO

AGENDA ITEMS CONTAINING PRIVACY-PROTECTED OR SECURITY INFORMATION WILL NOT BE HYPERLINKED TO THE AGENDA.

NUMBER OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT: 1- Engineering

AGENDA ITEM READS AS FOLLOWS:

Discussion and possible action to sign a letter addressed to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation in support of an ODOT Grant application regarding the I-40/Douglas Interchange Reconstruction and related interstate widening in Oklahoma County. Requested by Stacey Trumbo, PE, County Engineer. (Document Received).

APPROVED BY DA
(If Applicable)

APPROVED BY ENGINEER
(If Applicable)

APPROVED BY PURCHASING
(If Applicable)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY


COUNTY ENGINEER

PURCHASING AGENT

Please initial that document has been reviewed for privacy-protected or security information

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: YES N/A

COUNTY CLERK: YES N/A

Indicate any privacy-protected information that exists _____

(NOTE: THE CHAIRMAN/CHIEF DEPUTY MUST APPROVE ALL EMERGENCY REQUESTS FOR ANY ITEM SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE)

DATE OF REQUEST: _____ APPROVED BY: _____
CHAIRMAN

Return to Engineering Department

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102-3441



September 27, 2017

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: I-40/Douglas Interchange Reconstruction and related interstate widening in Oklahoma County

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of the Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant application submitted by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). As presented, the project will include the reconstruction of an outdated interchange at Interstate 40 (I-40) and Douglas Boulevard, as well as the widening of the interstate from four to six lanes from Industrial Road east five and one-half miles.

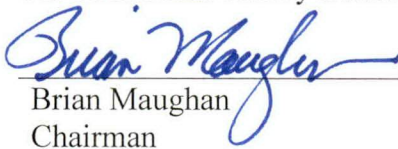
This project has been needed for a number of years. As you know, I-40 is a major east-west transportation corridor through Oklahoma and the country. This project resides in the heart of Oklahoma County and is important to the Oklahoma City metropolitan area's transportation system. This project will improve mobility within the metropolitan area for the traveling public, ease congestion and enhance the capacity of the I-40 corridor to facilitate freight movement.

Tinker Air Force Base (Tinker) is located on the east side of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area and I-40 is its northern boundary for approximately four miles. Tinker is one of only three Air Logistics Centers in the country and is vital to our nation's defense. As Oklahoma's largest employer, it is essential that this transportation link to Tinker be improved in order to insure that employees, goods and services can be efficiently delivered to and from the base. Oklahoma County confirms the critical need for improvement to the I-40 corridor and reconstruction of the interchange that provides primary access to Tinker.

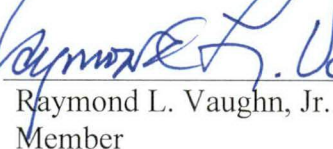
A new turnpike connecting I-44 with I-40 is underway five miles east of this proposed project. This will bring even more traffic onto I-40 that must be mitigated. Oklahoma County already has new zoning applications along the turnpike route before road construction has even begun. We look forward to working with ODOT on this project.

I hope you look favorably upon the application submitted by our Department of Transportation. ODOT has an impressive record of accomplishing the projects it sets forth. This project has the utmost support of Oklahoma County and local leaders.

Sincerely,
The Oklahoma County Board of County Commissioners


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Chairman


Willa Johnson
Vice-Chairman


Raymond L. Vaughn, Jr.
Member