

February 10, 2020

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 Interstate 40 & Douglas Boulevard project.

Honorable Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Trucking Association, 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 Interstate 40 & Douglas Boulevard project. The proposed improvements to Interstate 40 & Douglas Boulevard project 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.

The Oklahoma Trucking Association strongly supports the Interstate 40 & Douglas Boulevard 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,

Jim Newport CEO/President Oklahoma Trucking Association



