

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for the Bridging the Gap: Multimodal Connections on I-35 over the Oklahoma River project. If awarded, this project will add a new bridge over the Oklahoma River which will connect communities to downtown Oklahoma City.

The proposed bridge will provide a dedicated, safe pathway for pedestrians and cyclists and allow access to amenities on both sides of the river. This bridge will integrate with 10 interconnected trails spanning over 80 miles, significantly enhancing mobility throughout Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma River, now a venue for national rowing races and the US Olympic Team training, will greatly benefit from improved access. Additionally, the new bridge will connect residents with critical services such as healthcare, education, employment, and recreational opportunities.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my Tulsa office at 918-921-8520. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

God Bless,



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