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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to offer this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Bridge Investment Program discretionary grant to assist with the I-35 bridge over SH-74 in Purcell. The addition of a full interchange is both necessary and urgent to provide safety and resilience. This project will allow access to I-35 in both directions in the center of Purcell. Currently there is no access to I-35 between mile marker 91 and 95 which causes a delay in emergency response time.

We strongly support the I-35 bridge over SH-74 in Purcell project for its vital contribution to the needed infrastructure improvements in a developing community. The proposed project is crucial to safely satisfy all the necessary requirements of the region.

If you have any questions, please contact my office. Thank you for your consideration of our support of this important project.

Sincerely,

Bill Anoatubby

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation