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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I strongly support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) application for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant to replace Interstate 35 (I-35) bridges over State Highway 74 (SH-74) in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma.

I-35 over SH-74 is a vital project to connect a growing community. Currently there is no local access to I-35 between mile marker 91 and mile marker 95. This project's bridge replacements will be incorporated into a larger interchange project which will construct new exit and entrance ramps with I-35 and SH-74, adding direct access to I-35 in all directions at the center of the city, including the city's public safety and hospital facilities, improving emergency response time by allowing first responders access to I-35 and relieving congestion at W Grant Street and N Green Avenue. The improvement will also add a bicycle-pedestrian path for active transportation opportunities in the City of Purcell.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of ODOT's application for this BIP grant. Please contact Sofia Deiro on my staff, at sofia.deiro@mail.house.gov if you need any further assistance as you consider this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Cole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Tom Cole
Member of Congress