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Mr. Steven C. Mills, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Southern Oklahoma Development Association  
Post Office Box 709  
Durant, Oklahoma 74702-0709

Dear Dr. Mills:

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to support the Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA) South Central Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SCORTPO) division in securing funding for replacement of the 80-year-old Roosevelt Bridge.

The current bridge structure is functionally obsolete, unable to service all types of traffic and at risk of becoming structurally deficient. In its current condition, it constrains economic development in Southern Oklahoma—especially travel and tourism and free-flow of freight. Replacement of the bridge will improve the U.S. Highway 70 corridor, providing increases in traffic flow and freight movement within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory and across southern Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Nation appreciates the opportunity to support the replacement of Roosevelt Bridge. If you have questions, please contact me at (580) 436-2603.

Sincerely,

*Bill Anoatubby*  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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