



May 10, 2022

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

RE: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant funding for the Priority Improvements for the I-35 Corridor

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant to assist with the Priority Improvements for the I-35 Corridor. The proposed improvements to Priority Improvements for the I-35 Corridor are both necessary and urgent to provide for motorist safety, better facilitate traffic, improve freight movement and to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

SORTPO strongly supports the Priority Improvements for the I-35 Corridor 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.

Thank you,

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