TOWN OF THACKERVILLE

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Thursday, May 12, 2022

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

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

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Thackerville, 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 and improve freight movement and to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

The Town of Thackerville 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.

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Vep Ellis, Mayor