



May 5, 2022

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

RE: MPDG Application for I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application for the I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County. The project will provide critical and necessary regional transportation improvements on the National Freight Network.

The project application includes improving the connection between the Gilcrease Expressway and I-44 in Tulsa, reconstruction of two functionally obsolete bridges, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements to reduce barriers. The project will increase safety and improve capacity to better facilitate traffic, improve freight movement, and improve access for underserved populations in Tulsa County.

INCOG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Connected 2045, prioritizes developing a multi-modal transportation system that supports economic growth, enhances livability, and improves efficiency and safety. This MPDG grant will provide for the core priority of RTP and supports each of those objectives as a network that is critical to Regions' economy and the State. I urge your support to award funding this project to allow these critical transportation improvements to occur.

Thank you for your consideration of Oklahoma Transportation's MPDG application for the I-44 and US-75 project. Please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Brierre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "R" and "B".

Rich Brierre
Executive Director