



Monday, May 9, 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,

As the “*voice of trucking*” in Oklahoma, we represent the unified interest of our member companies that literally have a front row seat to the needs of infrastructure across our state. Having polled our members, the Oklahoma Trucking Association, believes this project meets the desired goals state for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) 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.

Developing a regional, multi-modal transportation system that supports economic growth, enhances livability, and improves efficiency and safety of Oklahoma’s transportation network is a priority, and I believe this project supports each of those objectives as a network that is critical to Oklahoma’s economy and the nation. 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,

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CEO/President
Oklahoma Trucking Association



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