



Tuesday, May 13, 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 US-412 Priority Improvements for Interstate Designation

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of INCOG, I am writing to express strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant to assist with the US-412 Priority Improvements to meet standards necessary for Interstate Designation, as prioritized by Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA).

The proposed improvements to US-412 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 corridor connects the Tulsa Metropolitan Region of over 1 million residents with the fast growing region of Northwest Arkansas where major companies are headquartered. The route also serves as a connection to major industrial parks with thousands of jobs and a home to a future manufacturing facility for electric powered utility vehicles.

INCOG strongly supports the US-412 Priority Improvements for the future Interstate Designation 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Brierre".

Rich Brierre
Executive Director