



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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May 18, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). If awarded, ODOT will use this grant to make safety improvements for Oklahoma's rural roads and to improve US-412 for interstate designation.

The Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) recognizes US-412 as a high priority corridor to be designated as a future Interstate on the National Highway System between I-35 in Noble County, Ohio and I-49 in Springdale, Arkansas. By connecting north central Oklahoma with northwest Arkansas, employment opportunities will improve as economic development grows along the 189 miles of future interstate corridor.

These funds will also focus on crucial improvements to the section of corridor between I-44 in Tulsa and the Cherokee Turnpike, just east of the Grand River in Mayes County. Interchanges and overpasses to control access will drastically improve safety along this section of highway by eliminating at-grade intersections with local roads. Additionally, this project invests in infrastructure that serves interstate freight movement. I am confident that advancements along this corridor will achieve an increased quality of life for the many employees that commute to the major industrial and retail locations throughout the region.

I fully support local projects here in Oklahoma that invest in needed infrastructure for Oklahomans. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our McAlester office at (918) 423-5951. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Markwayne Mullin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a thick black line.

Markwayne Mullin
Member of Congress