



OKLAHOMA RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the SH-37 BNSF Railroad Crossing Project

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Railroad Association, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to assist with the SH-37 BNSF Railroad Crossing Project. The proposed improvements to the SH-37 BNSF Railroad Crossing 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 Oklahoma Railroad Association strongly supports the SH-37 BNSF Railroad Crossing Project 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.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or require additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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