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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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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: Oklahoma Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Application for the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Tulsa, I am writing to voice our 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 Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County. This project will reconnect the low-income Carbondale neighborhood previously bisected when the US Highway 75 interchange with Interstate-44 was constructed over 50 years ago. The addition of sidewalks along West 51st Street and a pedestrian bridge over a rail line will facilitate opportunities to an under-served portion of Tulsa, as well as connect residents to our trails system, the Gathering Place, and the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness, to neighborhoods on the west side of the I-44 interchange. The City of Tulsa will oversee and provide maintenance on West 51st Street as a city street and the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks upon completion of the project. The project is an important component of the phased reconstruction of the I-44 and US-75 interchange by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Best regards,

G.T. Bynum
Mayor
City of Tulsa