

January 17, 2020

Tim Gatz, Secretary of Transportation Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Transportation 200 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. Oklahoma City, OK 73105

SUBJECT: Interchange at I-35 and SH-74 in Purcell

Dear Secretary Gatz:

On behalf of the City of Purcell and its residents, we would like to thank you and the Oklahoma Transportation Commission for its commitment in funding a new Interchange at I-35 and SH-74 to your 8-year construction work plan. The City Council feels that this project will be a great economic stimulus for the community which can be seen by their impressive commitment of \$4.3 million dollars to aid in the facilitation of this project.

As we had previously proposed, the City is willing to assist ODOT with preconstruction activities consisting of environmental services, producing construction plans, construction cost estimates, procuring all needed right-of-way, and relocating all utility conflicts all within State and Federal regulations and requirements. For the City to begin fulfilling its commitment to the project, we ask for a letter of authorization to be issued by ODOT directing the City to begin work on these activities. When the letter is received, we will start our pledged portion.

The City appreciates your past and future support of our transportation needs. Mayor Cox and I met you at the opening ceremony for the Purcell-Lexington Bridge and appreciated the respect you have for our area and share our desire to well serve its businesses and citizens. Continuing the success of our partnership with this project will be another exceptional improvement for them.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

cc:

James T. "Ted" Cox, Mayor

Dale Bunn

T.J. Dill, P.E., Regional Director, EST

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