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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the people of Oklahoma City, I am writing to voice our city's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) discretionary grant to assist with the Interstate 44 Bridge Rehabilitation Project in Oklahoma City. This project will rehabilitate the two bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Black Gold Drive. Both bridges are expected to become structurally deficient over the next few years.

Interstate 44 (I-44) is an essential highway that connects multiple nationwide interstate facilities. Every year I-44 moves millions of people and billions of dollars of freight, much of which moves through Oklahoma. The two I-44 bridges over the UPRR are currently in "Fair" condition and at risk of falling into "Poor" condition in the next two to three years. Without rehabilitation, these bridges will harm the movement of people and goods in Oklahoma, deteriorating the regional and national supply chain. The goals of the proposed project are to improve operations on this corridor of I-44 and ensure the structures meet current design standards.

Oklahoma City strongly supports the I-44 Bridge Rehabilitation Project and urges full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and 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 "David Holt".

David Holt
Mayor