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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to request your full and equitable consideration of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) discretionary grant to assist with the Strengthening Connections: Rehabilitating I-44 Bridges for Regional Resilience Project in Oklahoma City. This project will rehabilitate the two I-44 bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Black Gold Drive.

The two I-44 bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) that are currently in "Fair" condition are at risk of falling into "Poor" condition in the next two to three years. These bridges are essential to the movement of people and goods in Oklahoma and the national supply chain. The proposed project aims to improve operations on the I-44 corridor and ensure the structures meet current design standards.

Thank you for your consideration of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Application for the Bridge Investment Program. Please do not hesitate to reach out if my office can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Bice
Member of Congress