



March 17, 2021

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

RE: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) funding for the Grady County US-81 Realignment Project

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Chickasha Economic Development Council, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to assist with the Grady County US-81 Realignment project. The proposed improvements to US-81 in Grady County 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.

Our community strongly supports the Grady County US-81 Realignment 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. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Jim Cowan  
Director  
Chickasha Economic Development Council