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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

RE: MPDG Application for At-Grade Rail Safety Improvements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application for the At-Grade Rail Safety Improvements to Reestablish the Heartland Flyer Northern Extension.

This project will improve safety at 52 at-grade crossing locations by systematically updating the at-grade crossing warning devices to promote safe and efficient freight and new passenger rail operations. These upgrades will also aide the effort to reestablish passenger rail service from Oklahoma City north into Kansas.

The at-grade railroad safety improvements will include 8 crossings in Oklahoma City. The safety enhancements include but are not limited to:

- Improvements to the smoothness of the crossing surface.
- Flashing-light signals, which are a fundamental active warning device.
- Audible bells to improve safety for non-motorized road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists.

Thank you for your consideration of Oklahoma Transportation's MPDG application for At-Grade Rail Safety Improvements to Reestablish the Heartland Flyer Northern Extension. Please 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