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Tuesday, May 17, 2022

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

RE: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant funding for the US-412 Priority Improvements for Interstate Designation

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Tulsa Ports, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant to assist with the US-412 Priority Improvements for Interstate Designation. The proposed improvements to US-412 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.

The US-412 corridor is vitally important to Tulsa Ports, and our two inland port and industrial parks, the Tulsa Port of Catoosa, and the Tulsa Port of Inola. These locations currently provide over 4,300 acres of industrial property, employ almost 3,000 people, and provide rail service to multiple Class I and short line railroads. The US-412 Priority Improvements for Interstate Designation Project is not only vital for our region, state, and nation, but it will enhance the multimodal connectivity with barge, railcar, and truck at our inland ports which are only minutes away from this future Interstate highway. We ask for your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

David Yarbrough, PE
Port Director