

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 18, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. The project aims to revamp the existing highway network surrounding the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Mayes County, including major road improvements to the Highway System and enhancements to local roads.

The MidAmerica Industrial Park is the largest industrial park in the state and is one of the largest parks in the nation. The park is home to over 80 companies and strategically located off of U.S. Highway 69, just south of the City of Pryor and just over 40 miles from Tulsa. The existing local roadway network relies heavily on narrow two-lane roads that feed to the highways that surround the park with little to no access within the core of the property available for new commerce. Additionally, the local roadways are disjointed and have limited access points to the larger highway system, causing delays due to access in and out of the park.

The proposed *MidAmerica Connectivity Project* will improve sections and interchanges on US-412 and US-69 as well as street and trail improvements in and surrounding the park. The improvements also include railroad crossings, pedestrian accommodations, improved shoulders, and a new roundabout intersection with Patrol Road, the southern primary local road within the park. Completion of the project would be a transformative initiative that holds immense potential for rural Oklahoma. By enhancing infrastructure, prioritizing safety, fostering economic growth, and promoting environmental consciousness, this project will pave the way for the MidAmerica Industrial Park and the surrounding communities to continue economic growth and expansion.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the MPDG program. Please contact our offices if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

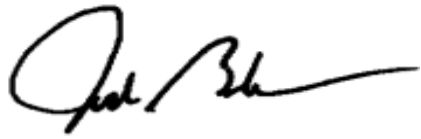
Sincerely,



James Lankford
United States Senator



Markwayne Mullin
United States Senator

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Josh Brecheen
Member of Congress

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Kevin Hern
Member of Congress



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Mayes County, Oklahoma**

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Friday, August 11, 2023

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

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Mayes County District 2, I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

The Commissioner Darrell Yoder strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,
Darrell Yoder
County Commissioner



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Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Cherokee Nation I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

Cherokee Nation strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Janees Taylor
Cherokee Nation Treasurer



Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority (OOWA), a/k/a MidAmerica Industrial Park, I am writing to express strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Rural Grant to assist with MidAmerica Industrial Park's Infrastructure Improvements. As the largest Industrial Park in the region, we serve over 80 companies that employ over 4,500 people. Improvements to MidAmerica's infrastructure 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 in order to support expected growth in the park.

To date, the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority has invested \$1.3M in design and engineering improvements for SH 412-B and interior roads, Patrol and Zarrow. OOWA will additionally spend approximately \$4.2M for final engineering and utility relocation prior to improvements.

The Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority strongly supports the improvements of 412B, and internal roadways within the park as it is a vital contribution to the area, region, and state. 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 call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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David Stewart
Chief Administrative Officer and Trustee
MidAmerica Industrial Park

Daniel S. Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

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August 16, 2023

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

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

A large portion of our GRDA employees work in and adjacent to the MAIP area, and these transportation improvements will enhance the safety of their daily commutes. These improvements will also provide overall benefits to other business and industry in an area that plays a key role in the economy of the state, region, and country.

We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Daniel S. Sullivan
Chief Executive Officer

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Mayes County HOPE

8/9/2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Mayes County HOPE, I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) **2023/2024 MPDG RURAL** application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

We at Mayes County HOPE, strongly support this project for its vital contribution to the region, state, and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Leslie Considine
Executive Director

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Wednesday, August 9, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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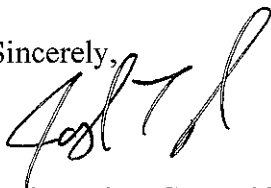
RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Oakley's Port 33, I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

Oakley's Port 33 strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Josh Taylor, General Manager



Wednesday, August 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

As the “*voice of trucking*” in Oklahoma, we represent the unified interest of our member companies that literally have a front row seat to the needs of infrastructure across our state. Having polled our members, the Oklahoma Trucking Association believes this project meets the desired goals state for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

As “*the voice of trucking*” safety is imperative to the industry, and we believe the following to be beneficial: Safety is a top priority for ODOT and the MidAmerica Industrial Park. The optimization of capacity within MidAmerica Industrial Park will reduce the need for freight traffic to use rural roads, subsequently decreasing the number of large trucks on those roads and improving safety for both industrial parks employees and nearby residents. The roadway and safety of SH-412B will be improved by improved railroad crossings, pedestrian accommodations, improved shoulders, and a new roundabout intersection with Patrol Road, the southern primary local road within the park. The Project’s commitment to eliminating fatal and injury collisions contributes to creating safer environments for all stakeholders within the MidAmerica Industrial Park and the surrounding communities.

The Oklahoma Trucking Association strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We urge 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,

Jim Newport
CEO/President
Oklahoma Trucking Association

Zac Kannady
Chairman

Mario Archaga
First Vice Chairman

Bobby Smith
Second Vice Chairman

Jim Newport
President & CEO



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Town of Chouteau Oklahoma
Brenda Cunningham, Mayor
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RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Chouteau, I am writing to voice support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor Oklahoma.

The Town of Chouteau and the Chouteau Board of Trustees strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding of the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Brenda Cunningham, MSW, LCSW
Mayor, Town of Chouteau



Tuesday, August 22, 2023

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

RE: 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program/Rural (MPDG/RURAL) Grant Application, MidAmerica Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements, Pryor, Oklahoma.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to voice support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2023/2024 MPDG RURAL application for MidAmerica Industrial Park (MAIP) located south of Pryor, Oklahoma.

The Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this project for its vital contribution to the region, state, and nation. We strongly urge your support of the total funding of the project. I appreciate your consideration, and please feel free to call us if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Houston Brittain

President & CEO