



February 10, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Secretary,

First Americans Museum (FAM) is happy to support the effort by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to create a signature bridge near downtown Oklahoma City. FAM opened in September 2021 and has received over 200,000 visitors from all 50 states and over 30 countries. A signature bridge crossing the Oklahoma River will allow more access to the museum and the development district being built adjacent to the museum. It will also benefit the greater Oklahoma City community.

Creating another iconic landmark in the Oklahoma City metro area helps create a unique sense of place. The bridge has the power of becoming recognizable at a central and important intersection. Enhancing access to many attractions and businesses near the river will have significant and positive impact on the economic development all along the waterfront, including the OKC Boat House District, Skybridge Park, Bricktown and Deep Deuce.

First Americans Museum welcomes and supports the Oklahoma City signature bridge project. Please feel free to reach out to discuss any concerns or questions associated with this important new addition to the OKC metro landscape.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James Pepper Henry'.

James Pepper Henry
CEO/Director

