



**TULSA REGIONAL CHAMBER**

October 10, 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: Reconnecting Communities Pilot for the I-244 Study: A Plan to Enhance Mobility and Connectivity in North Tulsa

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) and City of Tulsa's joint application for a Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary planning grant for the Enhancing Community Connectivity in Tulsa – I-244 Planning Study.

The Tulsa Regional Chamber is the principal business-driven leadership organization improving the quality of community life through the development of regional economic prosperity. We also support systems that increase economic access and mobility for underserved communities. We believe that celebrating diversity, championing equity, and cultivating inclusion are critical to the economic vitality of the Tulsa region

We are excited that this study will engage the community and our state and local partners in a planning effort to explore opportunities to enhance connectivity and reduce barriers without compromising access and safety on this important regional transportation corridor.

We urge your favorable consideration of ODOT's and the City of Tulsa's joint application for this Reconnecting Communities Program planning grant. Thank you and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Regards,

Sincerely,



Mike Neal  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Tulsa Regional Chamber