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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are pleased to support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to assist with the Grady County US-81 Realignment project. The proposed improvements to realign US-81, specifically through Chickasha, Oklahoma, are both urgent and necessary to provide for enhanced traffic flow, safe and efficient movement of freight, and most importantly the upmost motorist safety. The project will also advance the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's strategic goals in the region.

The Chickasaw Nation strongly supports the Grady County US-81 Realignment for its vital contribution to the region, state and our tribal nation. The proposed project supports a network that is critical to state and local economies in the region. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for the state of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Lance, secretary of commerce, at (580) 272-5879.

Sincerely,

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation