

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 9, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to reconstruct the at-grade crossing of Oklahoma State Highway 37 and the intersecting BNSF Railroad to a grade-separated intersection.

This project will address multiple focus areas of the grant's primary selection criteria, such as the addition of a 10-foot multi-modal path along SH-37 and a pedestrian bridge addition to connect the City of Moore Central Park with the north side of SH-37. This area often experiences lengthy delays and congestion when this crossing is blocked. The award of this grant funding will mitigate these delays and the resulting congestion. This improvement will also ensure the swift passage of emergency vehicles through the area. The reduction of traffic and rail congestion in this area is important to the economic growth of the City of Moore and the surrounding communities.

This section of the Oklahoma rail network supports critical Oklahoma energy, agricultural, and commodities industries. Maintenance and improvement on the Oklahoma rail system is a boon to the regional economy and provides the stable environment necessary for railroads and businesses to expand their footprint in the state of Oklahoma.

I thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for this RAISE grant. Please contact Victor Sarmiento, on my staff, at victor_sarmiento@inhofe.senate.gov if you need any further assistance as you consider this important project.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator



James Lankford
United States Senator



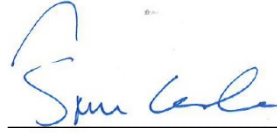
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