

September 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the City of Tulsa's application for Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant funding to rehabilitate multiple bridges that provide critical access over the Arkansas River. This project will guarantee safe commutes for thousands of Oklahomans and will further expand economic activity in Tulsa.

This project would rehabilitate four bridges spanning the Arkansas River that are currently at or beyond their intended useful lives, having been constructed between 1940 and 1984. Currently, these bridges carry over 100,000 trips and are projected to carry nearly 200,000 by 2052. These bridges are not only critical connections for the driving public and commercial vehicles, but also play an integral role in providing multimodal connection around the city and to an extensive river trail system and park along the Arkansas River.

Investing in the bridges today will allow the area to avoid costly detours should the bridges further deteriorate and require closing. This project will support critical mobility, safety, and state of good repair goals for the City of Tulsa and the northeastern Oklahoma region. I appreciate your consideration of the City of Tulsa's application for BIP grant funding. Please contact Davis Bunn (202-856-8250 or Davis_Bunn@inhofe.senate.gov) on my staff if you have any questions related to this project.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator