

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 excited to support the Circuit Engineering District (CED) #8's application for Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant funding to replace seven bridges in six rural counties in northwestern Oklahoma. This project will improve seven bridges that are either in fair or poor condition, have insufficient widths, and are load posted, making them unsuitable to carry school buses or large agricultural vehicles.

CED #8 has responsibility over 14 counties in one of the most rural parts of Oklahoma. These seven bridges are currently at or beyond their design lives, having been constructed between 1915 and 1981. BIP funding would enable CED #8 to let a single contract for all seven bridges and preserve these bridges as well as the areas that they serve. 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 the safety and mobility goals for Oklahoma's rural bridges and improve the wellbeing of the residents in northwest Oklahoma. I appreciate your consideration of Circuit Engineering District #8's application for BIP grant funding. Please contact Davis Bunn (202-856-8250 or [Davis\\_Bunn@inhofe.senate.gov](mailto:Davis_Bunn@inhofe.senate.gov)) on my staff if you have any questions related to this project.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe  
U.S. Senator