



**SEMINOLE
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

November 26, 2018

The Honorable Elaine
Secretary Elaine L. Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing this letter in support of the Seminole County US 270 application for Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) funds being filed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). We are pleased that the Administration for is promoting this important infrastructure assistance project!

The Town of Seminole was established in 1906, and incorporated as a city on December 26, 1924. The town has experienced changes in its nearly 100 years. Born with an oil and gas boom, the town has continued to be home to oil and gas related activities, as well as foster a more diverse base to include businesses focused on insurance and investments, hospitality, clothing production, construction, and development of aircraft sensor and control components. All of these businesses as well as the people who live and work in our community depend on a safe and reliable transportation system. That is why I enthusiastically request your support of the ODOT project.

The improvements proposed by ODOT include seven bridges over approximately seven miles. Six bridges (currently in fair or poor condition) are planned for replacement; one in good repair (showing obstruction of culvert barrels and severe silt buildup) is planned for rehabilitation. The proposed project cost is \$14.2 million and the Department is using its ingenuity by bundling 7 individual projects together and planning to use lightweight granular backfill – both of which will expedite project delivery, minimize cost, and provide a better transportation system.

Seminole is a vibrant Oklahoma community on US 270 which crosses diagonally through the state of Oklahoma. Improvements to the bridges on US 270 will help provide needed support to this this community as well as to commercial and personal users of the highway system from various parts of the state and nation.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Seminole Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, I respectfully your request your full support of the Seminole County US 270 Bridge Bundle project.

Sincerely,

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CC: Oklahoma Department of Transportation



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