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The Honorable Sean Duffy  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Bridging The Gap: Multimodal Connections On I-35 Over the Oklahoma River

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We are pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This project would improve the connection of I-35, ensuring that this critical corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system. The I-35 Bridge is adjacent to RIVERSPORT and crosses our US Olympic and Paralympic Training Site along the Oklahoma River. As the host to canoe slalom events for the 2028 Olympic Games, RIVERSPORT is now a global destination and also advances outdoor culture in OKC.

I-35 in Oklahoma City intersects two other major east-west freight corridors, I-40 and I-44, making the I-35 bridges in Oklahoma City critically located at the crossroads of intercontinental movement, linking the west and east coasts to major urban areas throughout the country.

The project proposes to replace the two existing I-35 bridges over Water, including a ramp bridge connection, and the addition of a previously awarded pedestrian bridge to provide multimodal access across the river. ODOT has secured commitments from the City of Oklahoma City to contribute to the pedestrian, bike, and scooter bridge. Completion of this project would provide safety for freight and pedestrians, increase capacity for future generations, and allow for continued contributions to the national economy.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for the Bridge Investment Program. Please contact our offices if you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

Sincerely,

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