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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:

I am 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 critical connection of I-35 to I-40 and I-44, two other major east-west freight corridors, ensuring that this corridor will continue to serve the state and nation's interstate system.

The project proposes to replace the two existing I-35 bridges over the Oklahoma River, including a ramp bridge connection to I-40, 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 the 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.

Respectfully,



Congressman Frank D. Lucas (OK-03)