



July 16, 2025

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

RE: Bridging the Gap: Multimodal Connections on Interstate 35 Over the Oklahoma River

Dear Secretary Duffy:

As chairman of the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority, I am writing to support the application by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation ("ODOT") for the Bridge Investment Program. This project would improve the connection of Interstate 35, ensuring that this critical corridor continues to serve the state and the nation's interstate system.

Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City intersects two major, east-west freight corridors, Interstate 40 and Interstate 44. This makes the Interstate 35 bridges in Oklahoma City critically located at the crossroads of intercontinental movement, linking the east and west coasts to major urban areas throughout the country. The project proposes replacing the two existing Interstate 35 bridges over the Oklahoma River. It includes a ramp-bridge connection and the addition of a previously awarded pedestrian bridge to provide multimodal access across the Oklahoma River.

I was advised that 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.

For these reasons, I strongly support the project and urge you to approve ODOT's grant application. Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal. Please contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Gary Marrs, Chairman
Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority

c: Jason Ferbrache, OCRRA Surrogate General Manager
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