



# TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OK

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Town Administrator's Office

February 20, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Town of Goldsby, Oklahoma, we are pleased to offer our strong support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's BUILD Grant application for the I-35 Safety & Capacity Improvement Project in McClain County.

Goldsby is a growing community strategically located along Interstate 35 in McClain County. According to the Town's Comprehensive Plan 2045, adopted March 13, 2025, Goldsby's population has increased from 1,833 in 2010 to an estimated 3,006 in 2024 and is projected to reach 3,356 by 2029. This steady growth, combined with increasing regional traffic volumes, has placed additional pressure on our transportation network—particularly along the I-35 corridor and its interchanges serving our community.

Interstate 35 is a vital north-south freight corridor and a primary gateway to Goldsby. It provides critical connectivity to the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, supports regional commerce, and serves the David Jay Perry Airport and employment areas east of the interstate identified in our Comprehensive Plan. The Plan recognizes that transportation infrastructure must evolve alongside population and economic growth to ensure safety, mobility, and long-term resilience.

Community engagement conducted as part of the Comprehensive Plan revealed strong concern about traffic congestion, roadway safety, and the ability of existing infrastructure to accommodate continued growth. Residents consistently identified transportation improvements, water and infrastructure capacity, and managed growth as top priorities. The I-35 Safety & Capacity Improvement Project directly addresses these concerns by reducing congestion, enhancing safety, and strengthening regional mobility.

Widening I-35 from four to six lanes through this segment will improve freight efficiency, reduce crash risk, and enhance access to Goldsby's planned Town Square District and Highway Commercial areas, where the Town is prioritizing commercial development to retain retail spending and generate sales tax

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revenue for infrastructure investment. The Comprehensive Plan identifies a significant retail leakage—over \$30 million annually—demonstrating both market demand and the importance of improved access and mobility to support economic development.

Improving I-35 capacity and safety will also enhance connectivity between rural and urban areas, support local employment centers, and strengthen the reliability of freight movement along this nationally significant corridor. By advancing this project within existing right-of-way and incorporating durable infrastructure improvements, ODOT is promoting long-term resiliency and responsible investment.

The Town of Goldsby strongly supports ODOT's application and believes this project aligns with the BUILD program's merit criteria by improving safety, enhancing freight mobility, strengthening economic competitiveness, and supporting sustainable regional growth.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical infrastructure investment. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if additional information or coordination would be helpful as you review this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kara Cook".

Kara Cook

Goldsby Town Administrator