

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3602

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, *Centennial Pathways: Enhancing Community Connectivity on US-69*, for improvements to the existing route along US-69 in Muskogee. This project will increase safety for both motorized and nonmotorized travelers, reconnect the communities on the west and east sides of US-69, and provide a less restrictive roadway for freight movement.

US-69 is a key north-south corridor vital to the Muskogee community and the freight network, with over 20,000 kilotons of freight traveling through it every year. The existing roadway requires reconstruction to improve the safety and efficiency for the surrounding community. Another key component of this project is to replace the existing pedestrian bridge over US-69 to accommodate oversized vehicles and to construct sidewalks along the corridor to improve mobility for nonmotorized travelers. These improvements are expected to reduce crashes by enhancing roadway design and pedestrian infrastructure, while also supporting economic development by improving access to Port Muskogee and facilitating efficient freight movement critical to regional growth.

I formally request that the application, *Centennial Pathways: Enhancing Community Connectivity on US-69*, submitted by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, receive fair and full consideration. This project strongly aligns with the BUILD merit criteria by improving safety, enhancing mobility and community connectivity, and supporting economic competitiveness in my district.

Sincerely,



Josh Brecheen
Member of Congress