

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 write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for the 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, *US-69 Rural Safety & Economic Vitality Project* in Atoka County. This project will deliver critical safety and mobility improvements along a vital segment of US-69, a key National Highway System freight corridor serving southeastern Oklahoma.

The proposed project will upgrade approximately 2.5 miles of US-69 by widening the corridor from four to five lanes with a continuous center turn lane, constructing ADA-compliant sidewalks, improving intersections with dedicated turn bays, and enhancing drainage systems. These improvements will reduce congestion and improve traffic flow through safer lane configurations and dedicated turning movements, while enhancing safety for motorists and pedestrians by addressing crash-prone conditions and adding ADA-compliant facilities. In addition, the project will support economic vitality by improving freight efficiency and accommodating future growth in southeastern Oklahoma. Phased construction will maintain traffic and minimize disruption to local communities and businesses throughout the project.

I formally request that the application for the *US-69 Rural Safety & Economic Vitality Project* 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.

Sincerely,



Josh Brecheen
Member of Congress