



Friday, February 16, 2024

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

RE: 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant opportunity for the **Advancing Safety, Mobility, Connectivity, Resiliency, and Economic Competitiveness through State and Local Partnerships**

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Broken Arrow City Council, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Wagoner County, Oklahoma RAISE Grant application. This proposed project from Wagoner County is in partnership with the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

The Advancing Safety, Mobility, Connectivity, Resiliency, and Economic Competitiveness through State and Local Partnerships is a multi-faceted project that combines the efforts of multiple entities to assist the transportation needs of the community. The City of Broken Arrow is developing at a rapid pace to the east with multiple housing developments and businesses being established. The proposed project provides the infrastructure required to facilitate the growing number of local vehicles and through traffic. Current conditions do not have adequate local roadways or allow access to the Muskogee Turnpike within five miles in either direction. This proposed project will provide this access.

The SH-51 connector roadway to the Muskogee Turnpike will boost the opportunity for economic growth in the region by providing access between highways and local businesses in the growing community. The project will construct an innovative diverging diamond interchange on the Muskogee Turnpike at 273rd E. Avenue. Additionally, improvements on 273rd E. Avenue include three miles of new multimodal facilities with a wider roadway, curb and gutter, and reconstructed intersections. This project will have a tremendous impact on the region by providing safer roadways with added access and reducing congestion on other routes in the area.

We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,
City of Broken Arrow

Debra Wimpee
Mayor