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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I would like to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's joint INFRA Grant application, with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Chickasaw Indian Nation, for the Red River Bridge Project in Cooke County, Texas and Love County, Oklahoma. This award will advance construction elements that are of particular importance to stakeholders along the I-35 corridor in the Texoma region.

TxDOT's INFRA funding request would allow expansion of I-35 by adding two additional lanes in each direction and build operational improvements beginning just south of US 82 in Gainesville, the construction of new bridges over the Red River, and roadway improvements to Exit 1 in Oklahoma. These upgrades will facilitate the safe and efficient movement of freight traffic and enhance local connectivity, access to jobs, development activities and general mobility.

The project is expected to have significant positive community impacts in both Oklahoma and Texas. I-35 is an important freight and passenger vehicle avenue. The new lanes and bridges will reduce congestion through the corridor, provide for safer travel and provide increased economic opportunity, especially for the city of Gainesville, Texas in my district.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to this regionally and nationally important project and I thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress