



May 21, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
United States

Ref: RAISE Grant Award for the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Freight Plan

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I am writing to convey that I, strongly support the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Freight Mobility Plan Project application for the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application.

The South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) prepared a RAISE grant for the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning organization. During the process to develop 16 individual county long range transportation plans, stakeholders identified the need to develop a regional plan to address freight issues, concerns, and initiatives for a 20-year planning period. This Plan will assess the current state of air, truck and rail freight system operations and identify ways to effectively prioritize and address future freight congestion issues, identifying key regional bottlenecks and infrastructure deficiencies that negatively impact the freight flow.

The outcome resulting from the development of the Regional Freight Mobility Plan will be a set of strategic recommendations and guidance that outlines decisionmaking processes and targeted regional actions and policies for priority investments within both urban and rural environments of the southwest Oklahoma.

Ultimately, I believe this project will advance the ability of the region to meet the growing needs of the freight industry, our local businesses and improve the public safety and efficiency of transportation in this state and region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Glen Winters'.