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March 30, 2022

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

RE: RAISE Grant Award for the Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range
Transportation Plan

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of The City of Lawton, in support of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application submitted by Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and its partners to fund the Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan.

Enhancing safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods both in and out of southwest Oklahoma will strengthen the region, state and nation's economies through identification and prioritization of projects that will safely and effectively provide opportunities for all users to access the transportation system, equip and prepare the system for present and future technological advancements.

This planning initiative is supported by a broad base of partners that recognize the importance of a transportation system that encourages a system that is accessible and carefully planned to support not only motor vehicles but non-motorized users. The interconnections of the highway system, local roads, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities is vital to the southwest Oklahoma region. Completion of this Project will have a significant impact on the regional economy and will serve as an opportunity to enhance reliable and accessible transportation which is a key ingredient in movement of people, goods and commodities throughout this region, state, and nation.

In conclusion, investment in this project in the rural area of southwest Oklahoma will provide opportunities for economic development, reduction of emissions and more efficient movement of people, goods, and commodities. On behalf of The City of Lawton, I hope you and the U.S. DOT will award a RAISE grant to SWODA in support of its southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan. Your support will make it possible for our region to further strengthen the impact of decades of significant state and local investments in this important region.

Sincerely,



Michael Cleghorn, City Manager
City of Lawton



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Designing a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for all users in and out of southwest Oklahoma will strengthen the region through identification and prioritization of projects that will safely and effectively provide opportunities for all users to move throughout the region and state.

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Stan Booker, Mayor
Chairman of the City Transit Trust



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Ref: RAISE Grant Award for the Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization, I am writing in support of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application submitted by the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO), the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and its partners to fund the Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "t".

Janet Smith, MPA
Director, Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization