

Oklahoma State Senate

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105



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

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I have been informed about and am highly supportive of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application by South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and its partners. This plan will lead to increased functionality for all users, improve safety, environmental and physical health – all indicators of improved quality of life for the residents of the region and connectivity for all users. Benefits of this project include:

- Development of procedures to assist Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) in project evaluation and prioritization.
- Identification of technology and innovative programs/systems that enhance the quality of life and reduce emissions.
- Identification of (challenges) environmental and socio-economic stressors that contribute to persistent environmental health disparities and opportunities to remediate.
- Development of a complete streets policy template focusing on rural municipalities and counties.

It is my hope you and the U.S. DOT will award a RAISE grant in the amount of \$1.5 million to SWODA in support of development of the Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan. As applications are evaluated, please carefully consider this project's merits and how it would accrue benefits to our rural region and all users of the transportation system.

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Respectfully,

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Senator Jessica Garvin
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Senate District 43

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Senator John Montgomery
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Senator Chris Kidd
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