

March, 23, 2022

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 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 the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and its partners. Many organizations will benefit directly from Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan that will include:

- Development of procedures to assist the 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.

The RAISE grant award will provide transportation planning efforts to move people and goods freight safely and effectively throughout the region and prepare this region's transportation system for present and future technological advancements.

It is my hope you and the U.S. DOT will award a RAISE grant to the SWODA in support of its Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan. To say this project is of regional significance is an understatement. As applications are evaluated, please carefully consider this project's merits and how it would accrue benefits to our region and all of those that travel through it for decades to come.

Respectfully,
Sincerely,



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