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

RE: RAISE Grant Letter of Support for Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application submitted by the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and its partners to fund the Southwest Oklahoma Regional 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 through identification of projects that 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 Southwest Oklahoma. Completion of this project will provide an in-depth analysis and will serve as an opportunity to enhance planning for reliable and accessible transportation throughout Southwest Oklahoma.

Thank you for supporting this project and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim J. Gatz".

Tim J. Gatz
Secretary of Transportation

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