

The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY

James D. Couch, City Manager

October 1, 2009

Mr. Gary Ridley
Secretary of Transportation for the State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 NE 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

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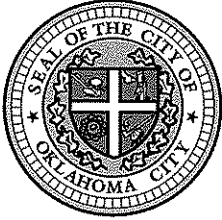
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