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Mr. Gary Ridley  
Secretary of Transportation for the State of Oklahoma  
c/o ODOT  
200 NE 21st Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-3204

Re: Oklahoma High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program Application

Dear Mr. Ridley:

The Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA) supports the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's application for Federal Railroad Administration funding for high speed rail projects in Oklahoma.

Intercity high speed rail connecting Tulsa and Oklahoma City is consistent with the plans being developed in both cities for rail transportation projects. The environmental quality aspects of the project also make it consistent with the ongoing ozone reduction efforts in both cities.

With the amount of automobile traffic between Oklahoma City and Tulsa, rail transportation makes good sense in terms of fuel savings, safety, and environmental stewardship.

Please know that MTTA supports this application and is ready to cooperate in any way to make the project a success.

Sincerely,



William Cartwright  
General Manager