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Ginger McGovern  
ODOT Planning and Research Division  
200 NE 21 Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ginger,

Subject: TIGER Grant Application

We are in receipt of your letters dated August 3, 2009, regarding the TIGER application ODOT is preparing for the elevation of the BNSF Railroad in Claremore.

Regarding the long range transportation plan, this project was included in the Roadways and Goods Movement elements of the *Destination 2030* plan adopted by INCOG in August 2005. The proposed improvement in the TIGER application substantially addresses the recommendations in the *Destination 2030* plan and is therefore consistent with the plan.

Regarding the Transportation Improvement Program, federal law requires the TIP to be financially constrained to the available revenue so this project is not currently on the TIP due to the lack of a committed source of funding. Therefore the Transportation Technical Committee and Transportation Policy Committee at their regularly scheduled meetings on August 19 and August 27, 2009 respectively, approved a resolution committing to amending the TIP to include this project should it be selected for funding. Today the INCOG Board of Directors adopted this resolution which is attached.

By this action INCOG is expressing it's support for this application which will substantially address safety and congestions issues in the Claremore area.

Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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

Timothy Armer  
INCOG Transportation Planning Manager

RESOLUTION 267

A RESOLUTION STATING INCOG'S WILLINGNESS TO ADD THE PROPOSED CLAREMORE RAIL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TULSA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, The Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Tulsa Transportation Management Area; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2009 the President of the United States signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Public Law No. 111-5) which included provision of \$1.5 billion in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants to be administered by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the TIGER Discretionary Grant program is to provide funding for projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Claremore is the location of an at-grade rail crossing of two Class I railroads, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad; and

WHEREAS; the crossing of the BNSF and UP railroads causes increased traffic congestion and safety hazards in Claremore; and

WHEREAS, ***The Oklahoma Department of Transportation*** intends to submit an application to elevate the BNSF railroad through Claremore to eliminate at-grade road crossings and improve safety and traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, grant guidance issued on June 17, 2009 in the Federal Register requires applicants of TIGER Discretionary Grant funds to include a resolution in the application from the MPO stating the willingness to add the project to the current Transportation Improvement Program if selected for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the INCOG Board of Directors expresses its willingness to add the above referenced project to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Tulsa Transportation Management Area upon selection for funding by the United States Department of Transportation and subsequent notification to INCOG by Tulsa County and USDOT.

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
John Selph, Chairman

ATTEST:

