

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 10th day of September, 2009.


John Selph, Chairman

ATTEST:

