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Ms. Ginger McGovern
Planning & Research Division Engineer
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 NE 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

Dear Ms. McGovern:

RE: Proposed ARRA Discretionary Grant Application for Rehabilitation of Union Pacific Line
between Del City and Shawnee

This is in response to your letter advising that the Department is considering applying for discretionary grant funds to rehabilitate approximately 44 miles of freight rail line, which includes a segment from eastern Oklahoma County to Shawnee. As you know, the portion of the Union Pacific Railroad from near NE 4th Street and Sunnyslane Road in Del City to the Oklahoma County/Pottawatomie County line is located within the Oklahoma City Area Regional Study (OCARTS) transportation management area for which ACOG develops the metropolitan long-range plan and short-range transportation improvement program.

Please be advised, that the proposed railroad rehabilitation project is consistent with the 2030 OCARTS Plan, but is not included in the adopted OCARTS Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). If the Department can demonstrate continued financial constraint of the metropolitan TIP through a successful discretionary grant application and any other necessary funding for the rail rehabilitation project, ODOT may request amendment of the TIP by the Intermodal Transportation Policy Committee in order to add the project to the OCARTS TIP.

Please feel free to contact Holly Massie or me should you have any questions concerning this information or the TIP amendment process.

Sincerely,



John G. Johnson
Executive Director

C: Douglas W. Rex, TPDS Division Director