

September 10, 2009

Mr. Gary Ridley  
Secretary of Transportation  
Oklahoma Department of Transportation  
200 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

Re: Tulsa Community College Support for the I-244 Bridge Bundle in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Secretary Ridley:

Tulsa Community College fully supports the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's "I-244 Bridge Bundle" project package for improvements across the Arkansas River in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Improvement in transportation safety and capacity provided by this multi-modal project are of a unique value to our community and Northeast Oklahoma in achieving visionary transportation solutions for the region and state.

A portion of the Trail Enhancement Package that would be of particular benefit to members of Tulsa Community College would be facilitating rail transit for our students, faculty, and staff.

Recognizing the highly competitive nature of the TIGER Program, we believe it is especially important that this project be funded as it meets the broad range of community, state and federal goals for repairing critical system components, addressing safety issues, enhancing economic competitiveness, improving livability, establishing sustainable development, and improving operations of transportation systems. The "I-244 Bridge Bundle" meets the particular needs of area bicycle, walking, and running enthusiasts.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this vital matter.

Respectfully,

Thomas K. McKeon  
President

cc: The Honorable Kathy Taylor, Mayor, City of Tulsa  
Ms. Susan Neal, Director, Community Development & Education Initiatives  
Mr. Stephen Carr, Senior Planner

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