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September 3, 2009

Gary Ridley,
Secretary of Transportation
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 NE 21st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-3204

Re: Expression of Support for the "I-244 Project Bundle" in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Secretary Ridley:

The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its support for the "I-244 Project Bundle" grant application for improvements across the Arkansas River in Tulsa Oklahoma. The improvement in transportation safety and capacity will provide special value to Tulsa, our North Tulsa community, and those represented by the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

The improvements will improve highway operations, freight service and facilitate commuter rail and future high speed rail connections between Oklahoma City and ultimately other regional metropolitan areas, and further economic development. It will be of particular benefit to the Greenwood District developments which we are actively pursuing as well as the new ONEOK Ballpark area, and the central core areas of Tulsa.

Multiple local, state and federal goals will be addressed. Those include repairing critical system components, addressing safety issues, enhancing economic competitiveness, improving livability and establishing sustainable development and operations of transportation systems will be addressed by the "I-244 Project Bundle" by assisting highway, freight and commuter rail traffic, and area biking, walking and running needs.

We earnestly offer our support for this project, endorse the State's endeavors to obtain these funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and thank your efforts.

Respectfully,

Reuben Gant, President/CEO

Cc: Mayor Kathy Taylor