



Mayor Kathy Taylor
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 9, 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 City of Tulsa is in full support of the "I-244 Project Bundle" grant application for improvements across the Arkansas River in Tulsa Oklahoma. These transportation safety and capacity improvements will provide special value to Tulsa, Northeast Oklahoma and regional rail and highway connections.

This project 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 Tulsa and new, programmed and planned developments within our community.

Multiple local, state and federal goals will be addressed, including repairing critical system components, addressing safety issues, enhancing economic competitiveness, improving livability and establishing sustainable development and operations. The "I-244 Project Bundle" will also assist 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 you for your efforts.

Respectfully,


Kathy Taylor, Mayor

cc: Susan Neal, Director,
Community Development and Education
Charles Hardt, Director, PW