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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 Bundle" Project in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Secretary Ridley,

This is the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's expression of support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's "I-244 Bundle" project package for improvements across the Arkansas River in Tulsa Oklahoma. The improvements provided by this multi-modal project are a unique value to our community and the members of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association.

Funding for safety enhancements to the Cyrus Avery Route 66 Memorial Bridge is a dream come true in the current economic environment. Allowing these safety enhancements will allow a larger draw of heritage tourism dollars to this community and this area of Tulsa specifically. This bridge, situated at the head of a popular biking, walking and running trail could provide yet another pedestrian friendly crossing of the Arkansas River and a wonderful gathering place for local events. With Route 66's popularity across the world, this project would also draw media interest to Oklahoma.

Recognizing the highly competitive nature of the TIGER Program, we believe it is especially important that this project be funded due to broad range of community, state and federal goals for addressing safety issues, enhancing economic competitiveness, improving livability and establishing sustainable development. The "I-244 Bundle" does all this for area bicycle, walking, running AND Route 66 enthusiasts.

Thank you for your positive consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Brad Nickson

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Eastern Vice President
Oklahoma Route 66 Association

