## SOUTHWEST TULSA COMMUNITY CHAMBER

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

September 1, 2009

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

This is Southwest Tulsa Community Chamber'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. Improvement in transportation safety and capacity provided by this multi-modal project are unique value to our community and those represented/participants/members of The Southwest Tulsa Community Chamber.

Our area is a hub of highway, railroad, air cargo and other transportation forms. We must handle the traffic created or face delays everyday. Efficient commerce is foundational for all of our plans.

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 repairing critical system components, addressing safety issues, enhancing economic competitiveness, improving livability and establishing sustainable development and operations of transportation systems. The "I-244 Bundle" does all this for highway, freight and commuter rail traffic, and for area bicycle, walking and running enthusiasts.

Thanks for your positive consideration in this matter.

Respectfully

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