



April 23, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: City of Altus, Oklahoma - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application – Economic Loop

Honorable Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO), I am writing to voice our Organization's strong support of the City of Altus, Oklahoma's application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to assist reconstruction of a vital roadway that connects the agriculture and cotton industry to adequate and safe transportation infrastructure. The proposed improvement will alleviate flooding of the roadway reducing the negative economic impact to businesses.

The Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization recognizes the proposed project supports the transportation network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and will enhance safety and provide a commitment to improvement of truck freight movement. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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