

## **APPENDIX B**

### LETTERS OF SUPPORT

### LETTERS OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- 1 City of Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond
- 2 Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Executive Director Tim J. Gatz
- 3 Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Field Division Eight, Randle White, P.E.
- 4 INCOG Executive Director Rich Bierre
- 5 Tulsa County Board of County Commissioners, Chairman Ron Peters
- 6 Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO Jennifer Conway
- 7 Broken Arrow Public Schools Superintendent Janet C. Dunlop
- 8 Northeastern State University, President Steve Turner, Ph.D.





May 5, 2020

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

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation's 2020 BUILD Funding Application – Letter of Support for the City of Broken Arrow Corridors Safety Improvement Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of City of Broken Arrow City Council, I am writing to offer our strong support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project). The Project includes improvements to two corridors in the City of Broken Arrow including Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Kenosha Street and Albany Street. We believe that the proposed project will mitigate traffic congestion and prevent traffic incidents. The BUILD Grant, if awarded, would augment existing Surface Transportation Program funds and local funds (GO Bonds).

In conclusion, the City of Broken Arrow City Council, fully supports the City of Broken Arrow's 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. We believe that this is a critical infrastructure project for our community and enthusiastically support it.

Sincerely,  
CITY OF BROKEN ARROW

Craig Thurmond  
Mayor



Office of the Executive Director

**Tim J. Gatz**

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Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
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May 1, 2020

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

**RE: USDOT 2020 BUILD Funding Application – Letter of Support for the City of Broken Arrow Corridors Safety Improvement Project**

Dear Secretary Chao,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project). The Project includes improvements to two streets in the City of Broken Arrow: Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street; and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave between Kenosha Street and Albany Street.

The Project will improve pedestrian safety, mitigate congestion along each corridor and improve access to economic centers through a variety of enhancements along the corridor. These include widening existing streets to five lanes, adding traffic signals and also constructing continuous sidewalks and a multi-use trail system in the corridors.

This is a growing residential and commercial area in Broken Arrow, these enhancements will improve access to goods, services and places of employment in addition to providing safer travel opportunities for bicyclists, pedestrians and personal and commercial traffic.

I request your support for improving these areas in the City of Broken Arrow. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim J. Gatz". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue circular stamp.

Tim J. Gatz  
Executive Director  
Secretary of Transportation

*"The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation is to provide a safe, economical, and effective transportation network for the people, commerce and communities of Oklahoma."*

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4-24-2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
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Washington, DC 20590

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation's 2020 BUILD Funding Application – Letter of Support for the City of Broken Arrow Corridors Safety Improvement Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), I am writing to offer my support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The application is for \$25 million to support a Corridors Safety Improvement Project. The Project includes improvements to two corridors in the City of Broken Arrow including Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street; and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave between Kenosha Street and Albany Street.

This project will further many local, state and federal goals with the improvement of capacity, sight distance, access control and pedestrian safety within each corridor. Each corridor includes interchanges with SH-51/Broken Arrow Expressway which is a main commuter route in the Tulsa Metro.

The Department fully supports the City of Broken Arrow's 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. Thank you for your consideration of the application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me at 918-838-9933.

Respectfully,



Randle White, P.E.  
Division Engineer  
ODOT Division VIII



May 14, 2020

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

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation's 2020 BUILD Funding Application – Letter of Support for the City of Broken Arrow Corridors Safety Improvement Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of INCOG, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project). The Project includes improvements to two corridors in the City of Broken Arrow including Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street; and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave between Kenosha Street and Albany Street.

The Project will prevent traffic and pedestrian safety incidents, mitigate congestion along each corridor, and improve access to economic centers through a variety of enhancements along the corridor. The Project will reconstruct and widen existing primary arterial streets to five-lanes for capacity expansion with the addition of auxiliary turn lanes at various locations to mitigate traffic congestion and prevent traffic incidents. The City of Broken Arrow will improve and replace each corridor's curbs and gutters, enclosed storm sewers, and traffic signals as part of the City of Broken Arrow's commitment to safety and system preservation. In addition, the City of Broken Arrow will implement Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant continuous sidewalks on one side of the corridor and a multi-use trail system on the other side. Finally, greenery will be added for aesthetic enhancements while separating traffic and accessible pedestrian routes to give a sense of safety to pedestrians and cyclists. The Project will improve access to goods, services, and places of employment across and beyond the corridors for bicyclists, pedestrians, and personal and commercial traffic.

Over the years, INCOG and the City of Broken Arrow have successfully partnered on various infrastructure enhancement projects. We are committed to partnering once again with the City of Broken Arrow to bring this project to completion, benefiting the communities surrounding these corridors.

In conclusion, INCOG, fully supports the City of Broken Arrow's 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. Thank you for your consideration of the application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rbrierre@incog.org](mailto:rbrierre@incog.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Brierre", is written over a horizontal line.

Rich Brierre  
Executive Director



**Board of County Commissioners**

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**RON PETERS**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
DISTRICT 3

April 27, 2020

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

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Broken Arrow's Application to the 2020 BUILD Fund

Dear Secretary Chao:

This letter is to offer the strong support of Tulsa County for subject application. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project).

The Project, if funded, will help prevent traffic and pedestrian accidents, mitigate congestion along each corridor, and improve access to economic centers through a variety of enhancements along the corridor. This project will also make this corridor compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), while improving access to goods, services, and places of employment for bicyclists, pedestrians, and personal and commercial traffic.

Over the years, Tulsa County and Broken Arrow have successfully partnered on various infrastructure enhancement projects. We fully support their 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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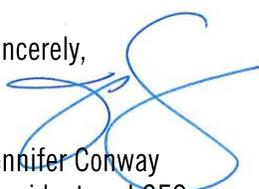
On behalf of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project). The Project includes improvements to two corridors in the City of Broken Arrow including Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street; and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave between Kenosha Street and Albany Street.

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Over the years, The Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and the City of Broken Arrow have successfully partnered on various infrastructure enhancement projects. We are committed to partnering once again with the City of Broken Arrow to bring this project to completion, benefiting the communities surrounding these corridors.

In conclusion, the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, fully supports the City of Broken Arrow's 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. Thank you for your consideration of the application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jennifer.conway@bachamber.com](mailto:jennifer.conway@bachamber.com).

Sincerely,



Jennifer Conway  
President and CEO  
Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce  
Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation



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**RE: U.S. Department of Transportation's 2020 BUILD Funding Application – Letter of Support for the City of Broken Arrow Corridors Safety Improvement Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Broken Arrow Public Schools, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project). The Project includes improvements to two corridors in the City of Broken Arrow including Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street; and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave between Kenosha Street and Albany Street.

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Over the years, Broken Arrow Public Schools and the City of Broken Arrow have successfully partnered on various infrastructure enhancement projects. We are committed to partnering once again with the City of Broken Arrow to bring this project to completion, benefiting the communities surrounding these corridors.

In conclusion, Broken Arrow Public Schools, fully supports the City of Broken Arrow's 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. Thank you for your consideration of the application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jcdunlop@baschools.org](mailto:jcdunlop@baschools.org).

Sincerely,



Janet C. Dunlop, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



**NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

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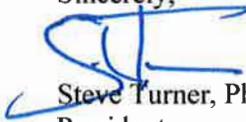
On behalf of Northeastern State University (NSU), I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Broken Arrow's application for the 2020 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The application is for \$25 million to support the Corridors Safety Improvement Project (the Project). The Project includes improvements to two corridors in the City of Broken Arrow including Elm Place between Kenosha Street and Albany Street; and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave between Kenosha Street and Albany Street.

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In conclusion, NSU, fully supports the City of Broken Arrow's 2020 BUILD grant application to fund the Corridors Safety Improvement Project. Thank you for your consideration of the application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Turner, Ph.D.  
President

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