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

Dear Secretary Chao:

The City of Tulsa is pleased to submit this application for the **LINK Tulsa: Leveraging Intelligent Network within Key-Corridors Project** under the Better Utilizing Investments for Leveraging Development (BUILD) program. The request is for \$6.5 million in federal BUILD grant for the Project, which is matched by \$2.5 million in local investment and additionally leverages \$500,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) federal funding in these corridors. The City of Tulsa will be the lead implementing agency, implementing the traffic signal upgrades along with the required Broadband capacity to connect, in coordination with Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA), which owns, operates, and maintains the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes. Any cost overruns above the allocated amounts for the Project will be covered by the City of Tulsa, from other local sources of funding to improve Traffic and Transit within City of Tulsa.

Currently the two identified corridors suffer from antiquated technology, high traffic, high crash counts, and lack of pedestrian-activated signals. The technology investments of the Project will enhance multi-modal safety, improve traveler reliability, and reduce operating costs. BUILD funds will support the improvement and installation of new technology that will enhance the safety along the Peoria Avenue and Route 66 corridors. The Project includes installing fiber that connects traffic signals and BRT stations; connecting intersections with Transit Signal Priority (TSP) to reduce dwell time and improve traffic flow; installing signals to connect intersections to the Traffic Management Center (TMC); installing real-time arrival infrastructure at BRT stops; and improving crosswalks, including ADA, and audible signals along the corridors.

We greatly appreciate the United States Department of Transportation's consideration of the requested investment in this Project as it is a critical component of the transportation infrastructure in and of significance to the City of Tulsa, the County of Tulsa, and the region.

We believe the Project is a strong candidate for BUILD funding with construction anticipated to begin in June 2019. The project will enhance safety of the system & reduce operating costs; improve reliability for the bus systems & travel time; reduce crashes and injuries in the corridors; enhance passenger experience; and provide safe crossings for pedestrians along the Peoria Avenue and Route 66 corridors.

Please contact Paul Zachary, Director of Engineering Services, at (918) 596-9565 if you have any further questions regarding this Project application.

Best Regards,

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City of Tulsa