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

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are pleased to submit a letter of support for the **Tulsa Multi-Modal Mobility Project-Transportation System Management (TSM) Approach** BUILD Application.

This project contains significant improvements to both a historical and national icon in Route 66 and the most heavily used transit route in the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA) network (in addition to heavy traffic volumes) in Peoria Avenue. These serve residents, jobs, medical, and education opportunities by connecting diverse populations with the retail business districts of Kendall Whittier, Brookside, Cherry Street, the Pearl district, and the International District, as well as downtown, major education institutions, four major parks, and Tulsa County Fair Grounds. These corridors combined provide access to 1 out of every 4 jobs and 1 out of 5 residents within a ten-minute walk.

This investment would result in a transformational change in the city's transportation system, and address one of our region's core workforce and economic development barriers by creating safe and accessible opportunities for residents. We view increased safe transportation options as a key economic development strategy to improve our citizens' access to job opportunities and strengthen our community's health and quality of life.

Kendall Whittier Main Street fully supports the City of Tulsa in their effort to create a safe and economically viable city through this investment. We hope USDOT will recognize the need of improved transit service and partner with the City of Tulsa to make this project a reality.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Sharrer".

Ed Sharrer  
Executive Director