



**TULSA REGIONAL CHAMBER**

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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. In 2011, INCOG, the region's MPO, developed a plan for an improved transit system in the Tulsa metropolitan area. The Tulsa Multi-Modal Mobility Project is supported by recommendations in the Fast Forward Regional Transit System Plan. In 2016, Tulsa's voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum to support permanent transit funding, making them the first city in Oklahoma history to have dedicated transit operating funding. The Chamber enthusiastically supports moving forward with the Transportation System Management (TSM) Approach.

This system contains both a historical icon and the highest performing route in the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA) system. It serves residents, jobs, medical, and education opportunities by connecting diverse populations with downtown, major education institutions, four major parks, Tulsa County Fair Grounds, and numerous retail business districts. This project is essential to increasing the environmental sustainability of the city by providing connections to the city's key economic activity centers.

The Tulsa Multi-Modal Mobility Project will implement numerous safety improvements throughout key corridors in the City of Tulsa. This investment would represent a transformation in mobility service, and address one of our region's key and economic development barriers by creating safe and efficient transportation options for our residents.

As a regional chamber of commerce, we view increased safe and accessible 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. The absence of alternative transportation opportunities has been a persistent barrier for our citizens: so much so that we have made increased transit use and walkability a central goal of our economic development strategy.

We fully support the City of Tulsa and Tulsa Transit in their effort to create a more livable, walkable, and economically viable city through the Tulsa Multi-Modal Mobility Project. We hope USDOT will recognize the need of improved transit service and partner with Tulsa Transit to make this project a reality.



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