

July 10, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

We support the implementation of the **Tulsa Multi-Modal Mobility Project - Transportation System Management (TSM) Approach** because of the transformational potential and leveraged support it will gain from our collective investments in entities located along the Route 66 corridor.

This project will serve numerous nonprofits and social service providers along the Historic Route 66 corridor. In addition to these, located along this crosstown corridor are grocery stores, places of worship, nonprofits providing prison re-entry services, as well as foster care, mental health, teenage pregnancy, workforce and youth development programs, banks, schools, universities, health centers, as well as current and potential places of private employment and state agencies dealing with poverty. The Historic Route 66 Corridor is vitally important to the economic and social health of our city.

The Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation (LTFF) is heavily invested in the future of the Historic Route 66 corridor. A recent example being the announcement of plans for Mother Road Market, a vibrant community space focused on entrepreneurship and business startups in the culinary arts. Mother Road Market is set to open summer of 2018 and is a prime illustration of the **private investment and economic revitalization** occurring along the Historic Route 66 transportation corridor.

We support the city of Tulsa in Tulsa Multi-Modal Mobility Project. The federal government's partnership in this project, along with those of us in Tulsa, will create opportunities for those with the greatest need in Tulsa and spur increased investment along the Historic Route 66 and Peoria Ave. corridors. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Frame Ellison President and CEO

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