

APPENDIX B

PART 1: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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July 15, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application to fund the Cherokee Street Safety and Mobility Improvement Project. Successfully delivering this project is necessary for improving the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. This project is a great example of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged more than \$4 million in state and local project participation.

The project consists of a full renovation of the Cherokee Street/Oklahoma State Highway 51 Corridor, which is the main thoroughfare into downtown Wagoner, and provides access to key economic centers and community social services. The project consists of roadway resurfacing, relocation of city-managed sub-surface public utilities, construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA accessible ramps and an off-street side path along the Cherokee Street corridor. The improvements will provide a safe multimodal environment that supports access to employment and healthcare services while improving health through availability of alternate forms and transportation and access to the only grocery store in the city.

The project is essential to the well-being of the local residents in the rural City of Wagoner. The composition of Wagoner residents living within the project area is diverse and residents earn a lower median household income than households in surrounding areas. The high-quality infrastructure built through the Cherokee Street Safety and Mobility Improvement Project will serve to facilitate multi-modal and safe mobility options for residents to access places of employment and essential services and will facilitate the movement of goods and services to improve economic prosperity in the city. This project is vital for the City of Wagoner to ensure a safe, accessible and economically competitive future.

I fully support the City of Wagoner in its endeavor to modernize the Cherokee Street Corridor with BUILD funding and urge USDOT to partner the City of Wagoner to move this project forward. Please contact Dan Hillenbrand in my office at Dan_Hillenbrand@inhofe.senate.gov if you need any further assistance as you consider this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator

KEVIN HERN

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July 25, 2019

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 BUILD Grant Application Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project.

This project will help to improve the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. In addition, this funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation, and that will help the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors.

Specifically, this project consists of a renovation of the Cherokee Street/Oklahoma State Highway 51 Corridor, which is the main road into downtown Wagoner and provides access to key economic centers and community social services. This renovation will make improvements to the roadway surface, sub-surface public utilities, sidewalks, crosswalks, and an off-street path for bicyclists. The improvements will provide a safe multimodal environment that supports access to employment and healthcare services while improving health through availability of alternate forms and transportation and access to the only grocery store in the city.

The high-quality infrastructure built through the Cherokee Street Safety and Mobility Improvement Project will serve to facilitate multi-modal and safe mobility options for residents to access places of employment and essential services and will facilitate the movement of goods and services to improve economic prosperity in the city. This project is vital for the City of Wagoner to ensure a safe, accessible, and economically competitive future.

I fully support the City of Wagoner and this initiative, which will help modernize the Cherokee Street Corridor, and I urge USDOT to help to move this project forward in an efficient manner. Please contact my office at 202-225-2211 should you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,



Kevin Hern
Member of Congress



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Tim J. Gatz, Executive Director

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July 12, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Wagoner's Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD). This project and its innovative partnerships exemplify BUILD program priorities in improving transportation infrastructure, safety, economic competitiveness, and quality of life.

The goal of this project is to improve the safety and state of good repair issues that are prevalent throughout SH-51 (Cherokee Street), in City of Wagoner. The SH-51 corridor connects Wagoner's CBD with a viable commercial area at a major highway crossroads of US-69 and SH-51. This area is the economic hub of the City of Wagoner. The project area is home to numerous residents, jobs, emergency services, public facilities, a regional hospital, and the only grocery store in the city. As shown in the ODOT 8-Year Plan, we plan to improve invest \$545,000 to this intersection in FY2022. Additionally, we commit to an additional \$500,000 for resurfacing the roadway of Cherokee Street, within the project area.

The Cherokee Street corridor has significant storm water drainage issues, no ADA compliant curb ramps, few sidewalks, and eroding curbing and pavement conditions. The lack of adequate storm water drainage causing street flooding and lack of sidewalks has compromised travel safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Because of this, it is important that the safety and viability of this corridor are persevered and improved. The project will improve traffic flow through traffic safety and access improvements. It also will improve the quality of life of Wagoner residents by providing safe infrastructure and means of travel to jobs, medical services, civic institutions and multiple commercial areas.

I fully support the City of Wagoner in its endeavor to improve the Cherokee Street Corridor with local funds, ODOT funds, Wagoner County Health Department funds, and BUILD funding. I urge the USDOT to partner with the City of Wagoner to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

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Tim J. Gatz
Executive Director

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July 15, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Wagoner's Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD). This collaborative project addresses the BUILD program priorities in improving transportation infrastructure, safety, economic competitiveness, and quality of life particularly for rural Americans.

The Cherokee Street (SH51) corridor connects Wagoner's CBD with a commercial area at a major highway crossroads (US69 and SH51) and is a vital piece to the economic, social, physical, health and safety of the City of Wagoner. The project area is home to numerous residents, jobs, emergency services, public facilities, a regional hospital, and the only regional grocery store in the city.

This project addresses safety and state of good repair issues in this corridor. Lack of adequate stormwater drainage causing street flooding and a lack of sidewalks has compromised travel safety for motorists and pedestrians alike. Unfortunately, the cost of improvements is beyond the ability of the City of Wagoner at this time and without improvements addressing stormwater and ADA issues the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is unable to maintain the highway in a state of good repair; resulting in the need for a funding solution making it most suited for the BUILD program.

With the City of Wagoner's match of \$2.56M, ODOT's match of \$1.05M, and the BUILD ask of \$10.32M, we can bring economic vitality to rural America through transportation infrastructure investments. I fully support the City of Wagoner in its endeavor to modernize the Cherokee Street Corridor with BUILD funding and urge USDOT to partner the City of Wagoner to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Brierre".

Rich Brierre
Executive Director

WAGONER COUNTY COMMISSIONER
CHRIS EDWARDS
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July 10, 2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of Wagoner County, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. Successfully delivering this project is necessary for improving the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

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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 918-485-4549.

Sincerely,



Chris Edwards
Wagoner County Commissioner

Rachael Cooper PE, CFM
Wagoner County Engineer



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July 2, 2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the office of the Wagoner County Engineer, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. Successfully delivering this project is necessary for improving the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

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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 rcooper@wagonercounty.ok.gov or 918-485-7979.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachael Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Rachael Cooper PE CFM
Wagoner County Engineer



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July 1, 2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Wagoner Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. Successfully delivering this project is necessary for improving the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen Mallett".

Kristen Mallett, Executive Director
Wagoner Area Chamber of Commerce



7/2/2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of Downtown Wagoner, Corp, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. Successfully delivering this project is necessary for improving the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

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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 918-577-1772, or DowntownWagoner@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Samantha Call
Downtown Wagoner, Corp

Downtown Wagoner, Corp
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July 1, 2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD), I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. The City of Wagoner have been good stewards in administering taxpayer dollars through Community Development Block Grants Program. EODD's working relationship with the City of Wagoner over the last 52 years have found the City of Wagoner to be very responsive in providing required financial and industry employment reporting criteria required by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

The project consists of a full renovation of the Cherokee Street/Oklahoma State Highway 51 Corridor, which is the main thoroughfare into downtown Wagoner and provides access to key economic centers and community social services. The project consists of roadway resurfacing, relocation of city-managed sub-surface public utilities, construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA accessible ramps, and off street side paths for bicyclists. The improvements will provide a safe multimodal environment that supports access to employment and healthcare services while improving health through availability of alternate forms and transportation and access to the only grocery store in the city.

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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) 682-7891.

Sincerely,

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Ernie Moore, Executive Director

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Daniel S. Sullivan
Chief Executive Officer



July 12, 2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Grand River Dam Authority, I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Wagoner's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. Successfully delivering this project is necessary for improving the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

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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 918-256-5545.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Sullivan
Chief Executive Officer



APPENDIX B

PART 2: LETTERS OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Tim J. Gatz, Executive Director

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July 12, 2019

Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Chao,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Wagoner's Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD). This project and its innovative partnerships exemplify BUILD program priorities in improving transportation infrastructure, safety, economic competitiveness, and quality of life.

The goal of this project is to improve the safety and state of good repair issues that are prevalent throughout SH-51 (Cherokee Street), in City of Wagoner. The SH-51 corridor connects Wagoner's CBD with a viable commercial area at a major highway crossroads of US-69 and SH-51. This area is the economic hub of the City of Wagoner. The project area is home to numerous residents, jobs, emergency services, public facilities, a regional hospital, and the only grocery store in the city. As shown in the ODOT 8-Year Plan, we plan to improve invest \$545,000 to this intersection in FY2022. Additionally, we commit to an additional \$500,000 for resurfacing the roadway of Cherokee Street, within the project area.

The Cherokee Street corridor has significant storm water drainage issues, no ADA compliant curb ramps, few sidewalks, and eroding curbing and pavement conditions. The lack of adequate storm water drainage causing street flooding and lack of sidewalks has compromised travel safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Because of this, it is important that the safety and viability of this corridor are persevered and improved. The project will improve traffic flow through traffic safety and access improvements. It also will improve the quality of life of Wagoner residents by providing safe infrastructure and means of travel to jobs, medical services, civic institutions and multiple commercial areas.

I fully support the City of Wagoner in its endeavor to improve the Cherokee Street Corridor with local funds, ODOT funds, Wagoner County Health Department funds, and BUILD funding. I urge the USDOT to partner with the City of Wagoner to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

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Tim J. Gatz
Executive Director

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July 4, 2019

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 (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,


On behalf of the City of Wagoner, I am writing to ensure the City of Wagoner's commitment of \$1.41 million to support the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. This in-kind commitment is essential to successfully deliver the project to improve the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. The City of Wagoner has a proven track record of completing stormwater infrastructure projects over the years. Specific projects include the installation of upsized storm drain culverts under S Hayes Avenue, the complete reconstruction of a 120 year old stormwater system in Downtown Wagoner, construction of stormwater detention facilities, and everyday maintenance measures. Furthermore, the City of Wagoner has been good stewards of federal dollars through various CDBG funded projects as well as FAA grant awards for airport improvements. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

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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 918-485-2554.

Sincerely,



Mayor Albert R Jones III

WAGONER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

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July 4, 2019

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RE: U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application, Letter of Support for City of Wagoner, Rural Opportunity to Advance Development Project (ROAD) Project

Dear Secretary Chao,


On behalf of the Wagoner Public Works Authority (WPWA), I am writing to ensure WPWA's commitment of \$1.14 million to support the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application for \$10.3 million dollars to fund the Rural Opportunity to Advance Development (ROAD) Project. This in-kind commitment is essential to successfully deliver the project to improve the safety, quality of life, economic competitiveness and state of good repair for the City of Wagoner. The Wagoner Public Works Authority has a proven track record of completing major utility infrastructure improvements similar to those required in this project. Projects include the installation and extension of water in sewer lines throughout town to serve Wagoner citizens. Additionally, the city's Electric Department has installed underground electric service in numerous subdivisions and areas of town where underground electric service is requested. Furthermore, the WPWA has been good stewards of federal dollars through various CDBG funded projects as well as received stimulus funds. This project is the essence of what the BUILD program is intended for—to build infrastructure for the next century to meet the demands for safe transportation with flexible, scalable upgrades to specific corridors. This funding request represents a one-time need for a project that has leveraged over \$4 million in State and local project participation.

The project consists of a full renovation of the Cherokee Street/Oklahoma State Highway 51 Corridor, which is the main thoroughfare into downtown Wagoner and provides access to key economic centers and community social services. The project consists of roadway resurfacing, relocation of city-managed sub-surface public utilities, construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA accessible ramps, and off street side paths for bicyclists. The improvements will provide a safe multimodal environment that supports access to employment and healthcare services while improving health through availability of alternate forms and transportation and access to the only grocery store in the city.

Realizing the project is essential to the wellbeing of the local rural residents in the City of Wagoner. The composition of Wagoner residents living within the project area is diverse and residents earn a lower median household income than households in surrounding areas. Additionally, many households in the project area are transit-dependent, meaning that they do not own a vehicle. The high-quality infrastructure built through the Cherokee Street Safety and Mobility Improvement Project will serve to facilitate multi-modal and safe mobility options for residents to access places of employment and essential services, and will facilitate the movement of goods and services to improve economic prosperity in the city. This project is vital for the City of Wagoner to ensure a safe, accessible, and economically competitive future.

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 918-485-2554.

Sincerely,



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