

THE CITY OF DURANT

Office of the City Manager

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US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: City of Durant, OK

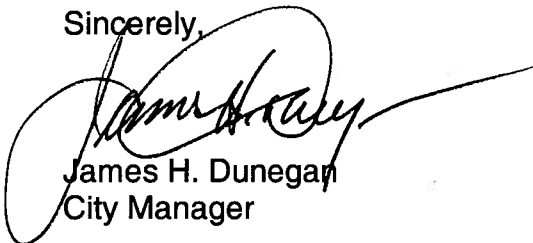
To the TIGER Grant Review Team:

The City of Durant, Oklahoma is the second fastest growing community in rural Oklahoma. The efforts of Team Durant have successfully put millions of dollars into the infrastructure of our city. The City of Durant is well equipped both in man-power and adequate equipment to complete many of the projects in our community including the ability to move utilities as necessary.

The multiple projects requested through the TIGER Grant program would assuredly need to be placed on the fast track to provide the required engineering to complete the projects in the two-year window of opportunity provided for in the grant. We have extremely capable staff and project managers to accomplish the bid process, letting of contracts and the environmental studies necessary for the multiple projects requested. City will conduct the full review and vetting required by law for all bids received and that the city commits to utilizing the taxpayer dollars appropriately. The city will also adhere to the reporting requirements for the ARRA Program. Our staff currently has a strong working relationship and cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. We foresee no hindrances to completing all projects requested in the allotted time-frame.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



James H. Dunegan
City Manager