



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Mr. James Dunegan, City Manager
City of Durant
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Dear Mr. Dunegan:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation is supportive of your Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant proposal for the improvement of the City of Durant's transportation infrastructure.

With deteriorating infrastructure, there is a significant challenge to maintain roadways with limited resources, and the Department supports the critical need to seek grant resources for the identified surface transportation projects in the City of Durant. The proposed improvements to the transportation system are well founded and the mutually beneficial partnerships that you have recognized and cultivated are important. We believe your project can potentially render a significant long term benefit for the state, regional and national transportation system and the economy. It represents a well planned, on-going undertaking and your request for further investment is worthy of serious consideration by the Secretary.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if you believe we can be of further assistance and thank you for your quest to improve Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary M. Ridley".

Gary M. Ridley
Secretary of Transportation