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U. S. Department of Transportation
TIGER Grant Review Board

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to offer my strongest support of a Tiger Grant requested by the City of Durant for surface transportation improvements. The improvement projects encompass parts of: (1) South 9th from Main to the North end of Mineral Bayou Bridge; (2) Enterprise Road Extension from Big Lots to 21st Street; (3) Rodeo Road; (4) University from Washington to 49th Street; and (5) North First and University.

With the economic growth happening in Southeastern Oklahoma these improvements are greatly needed and will help to insure additional economical growth, job creation, improvements to the quality of life and the working environment, increased safety; and many other elements which will have a positive long term effect on Durant and the State of Oklahoma.

I strongly support Durant's request for funding through its "Partnerships Supporting Economic Recovery" program and urge your full consideration of the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Paul Gumm".

Jay Paul Gumm
Senator, District 6

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cc: Jim Dunegan
Durant City Manager