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Mr. Gary Ridley, Secretary of Transportation for the State of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma Department of Transportation  
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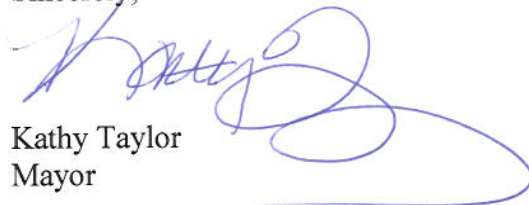
Dear Mr. Ridley:

Please accept this letter of full support of the Department of Transportation's Recovery Act grant application for Oklahoma High Speed Intercity Rail, Track 2, South Central Corridor, Tulsa to Oklahoma City to Oklahoma/Texas State Line. I am certain high speed intercity passenger rail service between Tulsa and Oklahoma City, and to other destinations such as Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, will provide business growth, promote tourism and recreational travel, and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Rail service will provide an alternative to driving the Turner Turnpike between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. The turnpike is often congested during commute hours or when there are special events in either of the two cities. Congestion leads to more air pollution, increased fuel consumption, and greater risk of serious accidents. High speed rail service will improve on each of these problems, as well as providing an economic boost to our area.

The City of Tulsa strongly supports the State's application and is willing to be a financial partner in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Kathy Taylor  
Mayor