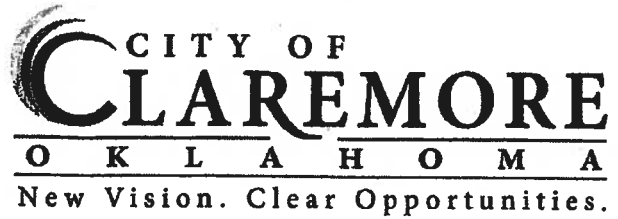


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August 19, 2010

Secretary Gary Ridley
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 NE 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: City Commitment of funds for "Grade Separated Freight Railway Project"

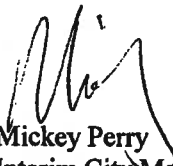
Dear Secretary Ridley:

Thank you for your support of transportation improvements in Claremore and Rogers County. We are extremely pleased to see the Department's decision to fund \$30 million as a part of the Railroad Grade Separation project in the recently released *Eight Year Construction Work Plan, FFY 2011-2018*. As you know, the citizens of our city have spent many hours wrestling with the issues related to at-grade public railroad crossings in the center of our community, and we believe the proposed Grade Separation project is an excellent solution.

To this end, the City of Claremore commits its' efforts to secure a total of \$10 million towards this project. As you know, we have been very fortunate to receive various federal funded packages, totaling approximately \$5 million. Additionally the BNSF Railway has pledged \$1 million in support of the project. We are aware of the Department's intent to request approximately \$18 million in TIGER II funds. Thus, we are confident that with the combined efforts of local, state, and federal government and private sector partners, the project will be accomplished.

Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at 918-341-2365.

Sincerely,



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