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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Elevated Freight Railroad with Grade Separations – Claremore, OK TIGER II Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of Union Pacific Railroad, I am writing to endorse the Claremore, OK grade separation project and its need for a TIGER II Discretionary Grant.

The project aims to grade separate the BNSF/ Union Pacific main lines that currently intersect in Claremore, OK at-grade. This project has the ability to improve public safety by eliminating several highway grade crossings. The reduction in highway grade crossings will also promote public mobility and provide better response coverage for emergency services. The grade separation will improve freight fluidity through the area as well by removing an estimated 400 hours of delay annually between the two railroads.

Union Pacific recognizes the Claremore grade-separation as a key infrastructure project in Oklahoma that has the potential to have wide-spread benefits. I appreciate your consideration for this project and would be willing to discuss any questions you might have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Adams".

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