



May 19, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Ardmore Development Authority (ADA), we respectfully urge your consideration for The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma: Rail Additions project as part of the FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA). The Global Transportation and Industrial Park, located in Ardmore, Oklahoma, aims to foster economic development and job creation for a region with persistent poverty.

If awarded, the INFRA grant will help construct the rail portion of the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma. To pair with plans to construct an air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airpark, the rail services will transform the airport into an integrated freight-handling facility with global connections. As a Free Trade Zone, the airpark will provide rural Oklahoma with the transportation advantages of other urban areas and enhance safety by deterring congestion at a lower labor cost. The facility will provide job growth and investment into a historically underserved area in the heart of the Chickasaw Nation reservation. The surrounding rural area have increased difficulty accessing goods, services, and higher paying jobs compared to urbanized regions, details only further exacerbated by the pandemic.

The ADA has invested \$13,978,700 out of the total cost of the project to improve the airport and industrial park. Through the ADA's investment and partnership with state, federal, and tribal stakeholders, the Global Transportation and Industrial Park is recognized statewide as a transformational opportunity for Oklahoma. Please accept this letter as formal support for the The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma: Rail Additions request for the FY22 round of INFRA funding for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Murphy
President & CEO
Ardmore Development Authority



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May 19, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: FY 2022 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects
Program (INFRA)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce is pleased to support Ardmore Development Authority's (ADA) application for the FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA). The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma- Rail Infrastructure Additions project, located in Ardmore, Oklahoma, aims to foster economic development and job creation for a region with persistent poverty. Sovereign Properties Holdco, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation, and WP Global, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, are joining the ADA as co-applicants for the project.

If awarded, the INFRA grant will help construct the rail portion of the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma. To pair with plans to construct an air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airpark, the rail services will transform the airport into an integrated freight-handling facility with global connections. As a Free Trade Zone, the airpark will provide rural Oklahoma with the transportation advantages of other urban areas and enhance safety by deterring congestion at a lower labor cost.

The impacted region is located within the heart of the Chickasaw Nation reservation. Our goal is to give tribal members the first opportunity to fill the positions created by the construction and ongoing operation of the facility that will first be advertised through the tribal employment office. We stand ready and willing to work alongside the endorsements of Oklahoma's Congressional delegation, local and state government, and private stakeholders. We are pleased to join the Ardmore Development Authority in the application for the FY22 round of INFRA funding for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill G. Lance, Secretary
Department of Commerce

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 20, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As members of the federal delegation representing the State of Oklahoma, we are pleased to express our combined support for the Ardmore Development Authority's (ADA) FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA) grant application titled, "Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma, Rail Infrastructure Additions". The INFRA investment would further develop a rail service area at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark.

As a rural area, the persistently underserved population needs improved transportation infrastructure to better attract and retain economic development. By constructing an improved rail service at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma, surrounding local businesses will be given the opportunity to have expanded global connections. As a Free Trade Zone, the Ardmore Industrial Airpark is a tremendous opportunity for Oklahoma to become an international freight-handling destination. This investment will draw economic activity and jobs by providing a centrally located and low-cost alternative for customers.

This project has been a strong collaboration of support between state, local, and federal leaders. The INFRA program, as part of the FY22 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity, was designed to improve safety, generate economic benefits, and reduce congestion for improved critical freight movements. The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma is a transformational opportunity that demonstrates what INFRA was created for. We respectfully urge your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



Tom Cole
Member of Congress



Markwayne Mullin
Member of Congress

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 23, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Ardmore Development Authority's (ADA) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) to develop a rail service area at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark.

As a Free Trade Zone, the Ardmore Industrial Airpark is a tremendous opportunity for Oklahoma to become an international freight-handling destination. By constructing an improved rail service at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma, surrounding local businesses will be given the opportunity to have expanded global connections. This investment will draw economic activity and jobs by providing a centrally located and low-cost alternative for customers.

This project has been a strong collaboration of support between state, local, tribal, and federal leaders. The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma was designed to provide rural Oklahoma with the transportation and economic advantages enjoyed by rural areas and I am confident that this project will be a transformational opportunity for southern Oklahoma.

I thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ADA's application for this MPDG opportunity. Please contact Victor Sarmiento, on my staff, at victor_sarmiento@inchofe.senate.gov if you need any further assistance as you consider this important project.

Sincerely,



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05/18/2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, I respectfully urge you to share in support of the Ardmore Development Authority's FY22 application for the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA). The INFRA program is a tremendous opportunity for Oklahoma to have the resources to construct extended rail services as the Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

The INFRA grant will provide Oklahoma the opportunity to transform itself from a locally connected airport to an integrated freight-handling facility with global connections. With over 1,000 acres of developable land, the GTIP is in a centrally located area within 500 miles of approximately 20 percent of the U.S. mainland population. Completed economic research found that upon final completion of the multimodal facility, around 4,580 jobs will be created. 10% of this population is Native American. The funding provided from the INFRA grant will permit an area with an underserved and diverse population to transform itself through a major intermodal and multimodal facility. Through the investment of the Department of Transportation, our region will become a competitive destination for both domestic and international business.

The State of Oklahoma is proud to endorse this project. Through the partnership of the ADA and Chickasaw Nation, as well as support from the Federal Congressional delegation and local leaders, the Global Transportation and Industrial Park was built and designed to reflect the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity. We appreciate your consideration.

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Matt Pinnell
Lieutenant Governor, State of Oklahoma



House of Representatives

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

May 18, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Oklahoma House of Representatives District 48, please accept this letter as formal support for The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma (GTIP)- Rail Infrastructure Additions project. As part of the FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA), this application seeks to construct the rail portion of GTIP.

Oklahoma House District 48 represents a very diverse part of the state. 16.75% of the district is American Indian and Alaskan Native. 10.79% of the district is Black or African American. 9.6% of the district is of Hispanic or Latino origin. The surrounding rural area have increased difficulty accessing goods, services, and higher paying jobs compared to urbanized regions. GTIP will provide job growth and investment into a historically underserved area. The rail infrastructure plans will provide access for GTIP to become a true intermodal facility that will ultimately improve the safety and economics of Oklahoma.

Through the partnership of local stakeholders, tribal leaders, Oklahoma's Congressional delegation, and private industries, the Global Transportation and Industrial Park is recognized statewide as a transformational opportunity for Oklahoma. Please accept this letter as formal support for The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma- Rail Infrastructure Additions project request for the FY22 round of INFRA.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Townley".

Tammy Townley
District 48

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May 18, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Oklahoma Senate District 14, please accept this letter as formal support for The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma (GTIP)- Rail Infrastructure Additions project. As part of the FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA), this application seeks to construct the rail portion of GTIP.

The surrounding rural area have increased difficulty accessing goods, services, and higher paying jobs compared to urbanized regions. GTIP will provide job growth and investment into a historically underserved and diverse area. The rail infrastructure plans will provide access for GTIP to become a true intermodal facility that will ultimately improve the safety and economics of Oklahoma.

Through the partnership of local stakeholders, tribal leaders, Oklahoma's Congressional delegation, and private industries, the Global Transportation and Industrial Park is recognized statewide as a transformational opportunity for Oklahoma. Please accept this letter as formal support for the The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma- Rail Infrastructure Additions project request for the FY22 round of INFRA.

Respectfully,

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Frank Simpson
Senate District 14

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May 19, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Re: FY 22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA)

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I write today on behalf of Global Agribusiness Ventures, Inc. (GAV) in support of the Ardmore Development Authority's (ADA) FY22 INFRA Grant Application, Global Transportation, and Industrial Park of Oklahoma: Rail Additions Project in Ardmore, Oklahoma, for the development of expanded rail service at the Ardmore Municipal Airport, a former military base. This INFRA project is among several projects the ADA is leading to develop this facility into a global multimodal facility located on BNSF mainline connecting Oklahoma City with the Dallas/Ft. Worth region and beyond.

GAV is in the business of generating public/private partnerships to develop new, more efficient supply chains. Today, despite the US being the largest consumer of cashews globally, they are processed in India and Vietnam. Our roots are in Africa, allowing for a strong connection to the communities and growers that grow cashews and cocoa.

We are interested in bringing cocoa and cashew processing facilities to the US and have been evaluating locations including those in southern Oklahoma. While we have not yet determined a location for our facilities, the Global Transportation Industrial Park (GTIP) in Ardmore, Oklahoma is a very attractive location. If the rail project is built out, it would allow us to transport our raw products by rail from Greens Port terminal facility, Houston, Texas (where they arrive from Africa by ship). Should this project be constructed we will locate our facilities at the GTIP in Ardmore post project completion. This INFRA grant is an important tool to achieving the goal of developing this asset into a competitive global destination for rail service, in addition to a BNSF-served multimodal facility centrally located in the US. We ask that you please fund this important INFRA grant. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

For/Global Agribusiness Ventures, Inc

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Blake Hollingsworth
President

May 19, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of BancFirst, please accept this letter as formal support for The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma (GTIP)-Rail Infrastructure Additions project as part of the FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA). BancFirst requests your consideration for an opportunity that will foster economic development and job creation for a region with persistent poverty.

The rail infrastructure plans within this application will provide rail access for GTIP to become a true intermodal facility that will ultimately improve the safety and economics of transportation in Oklahoma. The surrounding rural area have increased difficulty accessing goods, services, and higher paying jobs compared to urbanized regions. Our community is hopeful that the funding assistance made by the Department of Transportation will develop the transformational rail opportunities at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark. Our recent economic impact analysis and corresponding feasibility studies estimate up to a potential \$3.8 billion impact for rural communities in an economically distressed part of our state. This will have unparalleled benefit to families and employers, such as ours, both directly and indirectly.

On behalf of BancFirst and its branches throughout Southern Oklahoma, I respectfully urge your consideration for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma- Rail Infrastructure Additions project. Our business and industry partners enjoy a confident, productive relationship with the Ardmore Development Authority, State of Oklahoma, and tribal leaders. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Blake Hollingsworth, Ardmore President
BancFirst

Diane Buck

From: Blake Hollingsworth
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Diane Buck
Subject: FW: Letter of Support - INFRA Grant
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From: Bill Murphy <bmurphy@ardmore.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:33 AM
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Subject: Letter of Support - INFRA Grant

Blake:

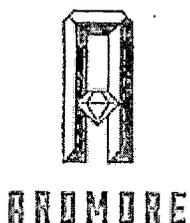
Would you be able to send us another letter of support for a separate grant we are submitting? This is for another USDOT grant opportunity that will help us with Air Park infrastructure.

The team at Knightsbridge initially told us that these letters weren't necessary; however, they have since changed their minds. I apologize for the late request.

If you wouldn't mind putting it on your BancFirst letterhead that would be great.

Again, I appreciate all you do to support us!

Bill



WILLIAM P. MURPHY, CEcD, EDFP
President & CEO
Ardmore Chamber of Commerce
Ardmore Development Authority
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter as formal support for The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma (GTIP)- Rail Infrastructure Additions project as part of the FY22 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (INFRA). First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore requests your consideration for an opportunity that will foster economic development and job creation for a region with persistent poverty.

The rail infrastructure plans within this application will provide rail access for GTIP to become a true intermodal facility that will ultimately improve the safety and economics of transportation in Oklahoma. The surrounding rural area have increased difficulty accessing goods, services, and higher paying jobs compared to urbanized regions. Our community is hopeful that the funding assistance made by the Department of Transportation will develop the transformational rail opportunities at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark. Our recent economic impact analysis and corresponding feasibility studies estimate up to a potential \$3.8 billion impact for rural communities in an economically distressed part of our state. This will have unparallel benefit to families and employers, such as ours, both directly and indirectly.

On behalf of First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore and its branches throughout Southern Oklahoma, I respectfully urge your consideration for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma- Rail Infrastructure Additions project. Our business and industry partners enjoy a confident, productive relationship with the Ardmore Development Authority, State of Oklahoma, and tribal leaders. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Clayton Lodes, CEO
First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore