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Mr. Joseph C. Szabo
United States Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Szabo:

In addition to the multi-state application between ODOT and TXDOT, I would also like to offer my support to TXDOT in their pursuit of a planning grant for the portion of the South Central High Speed Rail Corridor between Fort Worth and Oklahoma City. As this corridor is mutually supported by both the State of Texas and the State of Oklahoma, we offer our assistance in further developing this corridor should this application be selected for funding.

In particular, ODOT offers aid in conducting public involvement and outreach meetings concerning Oklahoma's portion of the rail corridor as they pertain to service development and environmental clearance issues as they progress. Mutual discussions will take place to further define TXDOT'S needs should they be required.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 405-522-1800 or Joe Kyle, manager of the Rail Programs Division, at (405) 521-4203 or via email at jkyle@odot.org.

Sincerely,


Gary M. Ridley
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