



**U.S. Department
of Transportation**

Under Secretary for Policy

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

December 10, 2018

Gerald R Miller
112 N 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed project to build a bypass around the city of Muskogee. An application for this project was submitted to the United States Department of Transportation the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

BUILD Transportation Grants replace the pre-existing Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, under which the Department has awarded more than \$5.6 billion to support road, rail, transit, port, and multimodal projects. The revised name for this program underscores its new emphasis on improving the ways we utilize existing authorities and programs in order to derive a greater value for the taxpayer for each federal dollar spent. The Fiscal Year 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity includes new considerations such as allowing applicants to bundle larger programs of projects to achieve costs efficiencies and innovative aspects such as concurrent installation of broadband.

I appreciate you bringing your concerns about this project to my attention. The Department takes these matters seriously and will consider your concerns regarding any future applications for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Finch Fulton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Finch Fulton
Deputy Assistant Secretary