Project Name: 
Garvin/Pontotoc County Project, Adding Shoulders and Resurfacing SH-19 Between Stratford and Ada, Oklahoma: OK-HD-19

Request Amount: 
$10,499,480

Recipient: 
Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 
200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Explanation of the request: 
This project will add 8 foot shoulders to a section of rural two-lane highway which currently lacks sufficient shoulders. This project will both improve the pavement condition of the roadway and will add shoulders for dramatically increased safety on the corridor.

The State of Oklahoma currently has 5,299 miles of rural two-lane highways with deficient shoulders. Nearly 60% (59.3%) of fatalities and accidents with serious injury occur on rural highways in Oklahoma. These fatalities and serious injury accidents have a significant correlation to deficient shoulders and are at times a result of drivers leaving the existing pavement and overcorrecting into oncoming traffic.

This community project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because by adding the necessary shoulders and resurfacing improvements, this will have a direct impact and reduction of fatalities and accidents with serious injury in rural Oklahoma.
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Garvin/Pontotoc County Project in the Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, located at 200 NE 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105. The funding would be used for adding shoulders and resurfacing SH-19 between Stratford and Ada Oklahoma, OK-HD-4. The project will add 8-foot shoulders to a section of rural two-lane highway which currently lacks sufficient shoulders.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Tom Cole
Member of Congress