

Project Name:

US-81 Realignment in Grady County, OK

Recipient:

Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Address:

200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Amount Requested:

\$5,000,000

Project Explanation:

This is the first phase of a project outline in ODOT's 8 Year Construction Work Plan which will realign the major traffic flow of US-81 north and south of Chickasha on a new access-controlled alignment with grade-separated interchanges.

This project is a realignment of US Highway 81 (US-81), a rural freight corridor critical to the local, state, and national economy. The Grady County US-81 Realignment Project (Project) will transform an existing 8.5-mile section of US-81 through downtown Chickasha, Oklahoma into an access-controlled facility to allow for enhanced economic movement of goods and people. By upgrading and realigning US-81 into a fully access controlled highway, transportation safety and freight flow along this National Highway System route will benefit from improved access, eliminated signal delays, and eliminated 90-degree turns. Located immediately southwest of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, the corridor is essential for the transportation of supplies, equipment, and products to support wind energy, oil and gas, military operations, and agricultural industries that sustain people and communities throughout the state and greater Midwest region. US-81 is a multi-national freight corridor linking Oklahoma to Canada, Mexico, and domestic markets within the United States – and plays a vital role in transporting supplies, equipment, and products to market.

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April 26, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a highway realignment project in Grady County, Oklahoma in fiscal year 2023. 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 the realignment of US-81 into an access-controlled facility to allow for enhanced economic movement of goods and people.

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

Sincerely,

TOM COLE
Member of Congress