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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$9,888,000 in funding for the Shoulders on State Highway 4 Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, located at 200 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. The funding would increase the safety of a rural two-lane highway by adding 8 foot safety shoulders.

Oklahoma ranks 45th in the nation for roadside fatalities. 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.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing facility is a narrow two-lane highway with deficient shoulders. ODOT expects a reduction in serious and fatal collisions on this roadway upon the completion of construction.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Bice
Member of Congress