

June 22, 2026

David Armstrong Fink, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for Norman, Oklahoma Tecumseh Road Grade Separation Project.

Dear Administrator Fink,

Today I am writing in support of the City of Norman's application for the FY 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program discretionary funding for the Norman, Oklahoma Tecumseh Road Grade Separation Project. This project aligns with the vision and goals of the CRISI program and will enhance safety, efficiency and reliability.

If awarded, the City of Norman would use the federal funds for planning, environmental and design for a proposed grade-separated crossing of Tecumseh Road and the BNSF Red Rock Subdivision. This improvement would eliminate an at-grade crossing that has long posed significant risk to motorists, pedestrians, and rail operations. This project would directly address these concerns by improving roadway safety, supporting economic development, and enhancing operational efficiency.

This project is not only vital to the City of Norman but also to the broader rail and highway transportation network across the State of Oklahoma. It will help ensure safe and efficient rail operations for BNSF and Amtrak while improving roadway operations on US 77/Tecumseh Road. Additionally, this project would improve economic conditions in Norman that will benefit residents and businesses for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of the City Norman's application for federal discretionary grant funding.

Sincerely,