

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FUNDING FOR
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Bridge Formula Program for funds to perform preliminary engineering assessments for replacement of eleven bridges on the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section I of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall perform all duties pertaining to the Office of the Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Tribal Council (the "Council") shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property;

WHEREAS, awarded funds will be used to perform geotechnical analysis, survey, hydrology, administration, National Environment Policy Act analysis, Right of Way, and preliminary/final plans, specifications & estimates assessments for eleven bridges listed on the attached Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") could potentially be awarded up to \$1,650,000.00 for Preconstruction Services and \$11 million for Construction;

WHEREAS, the Nation is required to commit a 20% match of any awarded funds from existing Tribal Transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to apply to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Bridge Formula Program for funds to perform preliminary engineering assessments for replacement of eleven bridges on the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the Nation's application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Bridge Formula Program for funds to perform preliminary engineering assessments for replacement of eleven bridges on the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to expend up to a 20% match of awarded funds from existing Tribal Transportation Funds.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

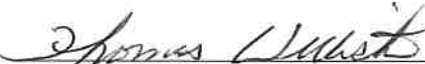
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of eleven (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on September 9, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 101 -23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batten, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 9-12-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Bridge Formula Program for funds to perform preliminary engineering assessments for replacement of eleven bridges on the Choctaw Nation Reservation. If awarded funding, the Nation will be required to provide a twenty percent match of awarded funds, which will come from the Nation's existing Tribal Transportation funds. This legislation will accomplish the Nation's strategic goal of supporting service delivery and increasing Member quality of life by providing safe travel across the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FUNDING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Federal Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs

CNO Department: Transportation

Maximum Federal Award Available: Up to \$1,650,000.00 for Preconstruction Services and \$11 million for Construction

CNO Match: 20% of any awarded funds

Request by Project Director/SEO: Jim Sallee, Director of Transportation, Roads & Bridges; Kelly McKaughan, Senior Executive Officer Integrated Services



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Transportation Roads and Bridges Department

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EXHIBIT A

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is requesting preliminary engineering funding for bridge replacements through the Bridge Formula Program (BFP). The application is for geotechnical analysis, survey, hydrology, administration, NEPA, ROW, and preliminary/final PS&E. We will pay for the 20% match with our Tribal Transportation funds.

Project Name	Bridge #	County	Route #
Owl Creek	093660000000000	Coal	25A1
Norwood Creek	094660000000000	McCurtain	4040
Vet Road Creek	113550000000000	Choctaw	3950
Cloudy Road	086920000000000	Pushmataha	2907
Wardville Rd Bridge	051130000000000	Atoka	3062
49 th St Bridge	176470000000000	Bryan	3849
Jones Creek Rd Bridge	018410000000000	Pittsburg	2697
Higgins Bridge	246970000000000	Latimer	2704
Walker Mountain Road	064150000000000	LeFlore	2800
Little Caston Creek	105060000000000	LeFlore	n/a
Cache Creek	063230000000000	Haskell	1720