

Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2021 RAISE Grant Application, City of Longmont Colorado State Highway 119 (CO 119) and Hover Street: Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to request full and fair consideration of the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the City of Longmont's project at Colorado State Highway 119 (CO 119) and Hover Street.

Communities along the Northwest Corridor in Colorado, including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville, Lafayette, Erie, Broomfield, and Westminster identify CO 119 as a vital economic and passenger corridor. The project will optimize regional connectivity and equitable mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont. The City of Longmont seeks to construct a safer intersection for all travelers by reducing congestion and conflict points. It also plans to create a bus queue jump lane and transit-only signal, which will help save commuters time. Finally, the city seeks to develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by linking active modes to surrounding facilities and transit with a new underpass for motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The project is pivotal to advancing identified, multi-modal corridor improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express/managed lanes, and a commuter bikeway in the CO 119 regional corridor. These improvements will facilitate interregional travel from rural areas to the east and improve safety for all travelers. Another key component to this project is its rural economic impact. The project will continue to foster significant economic activity to surrounding rural areas in Larimer and Weld Counties.

We respectfully request the Department of Transportation's full and fair review of the City of Longmont's project at CO 119 and Hover Street consistent with all applicable policies and procedures. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator



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United States Representative



Ken Buck
United States Representative



Ed Perlmutter
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