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April 30, 2020

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

SUBJECT: 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and Hover:
Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado

Dear Madam Secretary,

We are pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2020 BUILD grant application for the City of Longmont's **SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado**.

Working together, communities along the Northwest Corridor outside Denver, Colorado, including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville, Lafayette, Erie, Broomfield, and Westminster, have identified SH-119 as a vital economic and passenger corridor. This project will optimize regional connectivity and mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont. The improvements will:

- Build a safer intersection for all travelers by reducing congestion and eliminating conflict points
- Create a time advantage for transit users with a bus queue jump lane and transit-only signal
- Develop a more connected transportation system by linking active modes to surrounding facilities and transit with a new underpass for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians

Importantly, this 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 SH-119 regional corridor which will facilitate interregional travel from rural areas in the region and improve safety for all travelers.

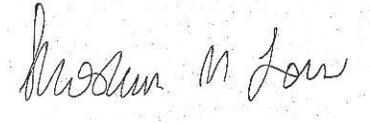
The total cost of the project is \$26 million and the Colorado Department of Transportation has committed \$7 million to the project through our Regional Priority Program.



A key component to this project is its rural economic impact. All of the communities in this region of Colorado already fall under the BUILD rural definition and this project will continue to foster significant economic activity to surrounding rural counties in Larimer and Weld.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of **Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely** Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD grant application. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity, mobility options, and economic prosperity for the general public.

Sincerely,



Shoshana M. Lew
Executive Director



April 24, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
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Subject: 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and Hover:
Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado

Dear Madam Secretary:

RTD is pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Longmont's 2020 BUILD grant application for SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado project.

The communities along the Northwest Corridor outside Denver, Colorado, including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville, Lafayette, Erie, Broomfield, and Westminster, have worked together to identify SH-119 as a vital economic and passenger corridor for the region. This project will optimize regional connectivity and mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont, as well as benefiting residents of Larimer and Weld counties who use this corridor to commute to employment centers in Boulder and Longmont. The improvements will:

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- Create a travel time advantage for transit users with a bus queue jump lane and a transit-priority signal
- Develop a more connected transportation system by linking active modes to surrounding facilities and transit with a new underpass for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

Importantly, this project is pivotal to advancing identified multi-modal corridor improvements including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express/managed lanes, and a commuter bikeway in the SH-119 regional corridor. The completed corridor vision will facilitate interregional travel from rural areas in the region and improve safety for all travelers. The total cost of the project is \$26 million and the non-federal funds that have been raised thus far account for \$9 million.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's **SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD** grant application. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity, mobility options, and economic prosperity for the general public.

Sincerely,

William C. Van Meter Digitally signed by William C. Van Meter
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William C. Van Meter
Assistant General Manager, Planning

c: Chris Quinn, Planning Project Manager

May 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
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Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD grant application. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity, mobility options, and economic prosperity for the general public.

Sincerely,



Douglas W. Rex
Executive Director

US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC)

Boulder County

May 8, 2020

City of Boulder

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*City & County of
Broomfield*

City of Lafayette

City of Longmont

SUBJECT: 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado

City of Louisville

City of Westminster

Dear Madam Secretary,

Town of Erie

We are pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2020 BUILD grant application for the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado.

Town of Superior

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The total cost of the project is \$26 million and the non-federal funds that have been raised thus far account for \$9 million. The net present value of the project is \$27.9 million with a benefit cost ratio of 2.33. Another key component to this project is its rural economic impact. All of the communities in this region of Colorado already fall under the BUILD rural

definition and this project will continue to foster significant economic activity to surrounding rural, Larimer and Weld counties. It is estimated that up to \$550 million in salaries is spent back in the surrounding rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD grant application. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity, mobility options, and economic prosperity for the general public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elise Jones". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Elise Jones



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Washington, DC 20590

April 21, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and Hover:
Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado

Dear Madam Secretary,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Metro North Chamber of Commerce, Adams County Economic Development and Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Management Organization in the north east quadrant of the metro Denver area. NATA's partnership of public and private entities work collaboratively to identify, develop, advocate and promote transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north area. Our goal is to ensure an effective regional transportation system that can foster a high quality of life and maintain a highly skilled workforce to support diverse industries in demand in today's economy.

NATA offers this letter in support of the City of Longmont's 2020 BUILD Grant Application for State Highway 119 and Hover Road project. This project will optimize regional connectivity and mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont. The improvements will:

- Build a safer intersection for all travelers by reducing congestion and eliminating conflict points
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Importantly, this 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 SH-119 regional corridor which will facilitate interregional travel from rural areas in the region and improve safety for all travelers.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD grant application.

Sincerely,


Julie Mullica, Chair of NATA



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May 11, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
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Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills, people with jobs, in Colorado

Dear Madam Secretary,

We are pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2020 BUILD grant application for the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover project: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover Project: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD grant application. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity, mobility options, and economic prosperity for the general public.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mike Freeman, Chair

May 8, 2020

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Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and
Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado

Dear Madam Secretary,

Commuting Solutions is pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2020 BUILD grant application for the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado.

Commuting Solutions is a nonprofit organization founded in 1998, which convenes business and local governments in the northwest metro region. Our mission is to enhance the mobility of commuters in the northwest metro region today and for the future. We have identified SH-119 as a vital economic and passenger corridor and its intersection with Hover Street, in particular, is a point requiring essential improvements. This project will optimize regional connectivity and mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont. The improvements will:

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activity to surrounding rural, Larimer and Weld counties. It is estimated that up to \$550 million in salaries is spent back in the surrounding rural communities.

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Sincerely,



Craig Eicher
Chairperson



May 1, 2020

**The Honorable Elaine Chao
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Washington, DC 20590**

**RE: Support for the 2020 BUILD Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 & Hover:
Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills in Colorado**

Dear Secretary Chao,

Thank you for your leadership and service to our nation. As a coalition of seven chambers of commerce in the Northwest Denver metro area, we offer our complete support for the funding appeal in the City of Longmont's BUILD Grant application for the State Highway 119 and Hover intersection.

We are a coalition representing over 3,600 businesses and 370,000 employees, many of whom travel along the Hwy 119 corridor on their daily commutes. As we work with them through the COVID-19 crisis, it is more important than ever to attain the federal assistance to improve a corridor that is essential for supporting our regional economic functions. State Highway 119 is critical to economic vitality because it serves as a key connection for economies of multiple counties throughout Colorado's Front Range. We see that 30% of the daily workforce commute trips into Boulder County on SH 119 originate from rural communities in Weld and Larimer Counties. Analysis indicates that this commute pattern translates into \$550 million worth of annual incomes being spent in other counties, fueling economies beyond our region.

Improving the SH 119/Hover intersection as a next step is pivotal to advancing identified multi-modal improvements for the remainder of the corridor, such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express/managed lanes, and a commuter bikeway. These improvements aim to facilitate the interregional movement of our workforce from rural areas where many of them live, to the urban areas where the bulk of our employers are located.

The requested BUILD grant is essential for closing the funding gap we still have despite the approximately \$93 million we secured from local, regional, and state investments towards the corridor's \$225 million total project cost. The total cost of this intersection improvement project is \$26 million and the non-federal funds that have been raised thus far account for \$9 million.

We seek your partnership in improving our transportation system and to sustain our economic vitality. The need is compounded by the COVID-19 crisis that is having devastating impacts on Colorado’s economy and quality of life.

We thank you in advance for supporting critical transportation infrastructure investments for Colorado during these challenging times.

John L. Tayer
President & CEO
Boulder Chamber



Sam Taylor
President & CEO
Broomfield Chamber
of Commerce



Vicki Trumbo
Executive Director
Lafayette Chamber
of Commerce



Peter Salas
Board of Directors
Latino Chamber of
Commerce of
Boulder County



Scott Cook
Chief Executive Officer
Longmont Area
Chamber of Commerce



Shelley Angell
Executive Officer
Louisville
Chamber of Commerce



T.J. Sullivan
Executive Director
Superior Chamber
of Commerce



About the Northwest Chamber Alliance

The Northwest Chamber Alliance was formed in 2016 as a coalition focused on regional issues that impact economic vitality and quality of life. It is currently comprised of the Boulder Chamber, Broomfield Chamber of Commerce, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Latino Chamber, Louisville Chamber of Commerce, Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, and Superior Chamber of Commerce, representing approximately 3,600 businesses and 370,000 employees. These businesses range from large international corporations to small businesses, startups, nonprofits and public institutions. For more information on the NWCA, please contact Andrea Meneghel, Public Affairs Director for the Boulder Chamber, (303) 938-2077 or andrea.meneghel@boulderchamber.com.



April 20, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
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Longmont Economic Development Partnership leads a comprehensive approach to building an economic ecosystem that not only supports, but champions, businesses and their owners. From world-famous brewers to smart manufacturing plants, specialized business catalysts to world-class research facilities, our businesses in Longmont build an economy that champions growth, prosperity, and inclusion.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safely Connecting the Plains and the Foothills BUILD grant application. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity, mobility options, and economic prosperity for the general public.

Sincerely,

Wendi Nafziger, CeCD
COO