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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, I am expressing my support for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the City of Longmont's project at CO 119 and Hover.

Working together, communities along the Northwest Corridor including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville, Lafayette, Erie, Broomfield, and Westminster, identified CO 119 as a vital economic and passenger corridor. This corridor is also prioritized as part of CDOT's ten year plan. This project will optimize regional connectivity and equitable mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont. The improvements will:

- Construct a safer intersection 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 equitable, 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 critical 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, facilitating interregional travel from rural areas to the east and improve safety for all travelers. The total project cost is \$27.1 million and the non-federal funds raised to date account for \$9 million.

Thank you for your consideration of the RAISE grant application for the City of Longmont's project at CO 119 and Hover. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the community to improve safety, capacity for all modes, more reliable and equitable mobility options, and economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,

Shoshana M. Lew
Executive Director

