

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Colorado State Highway 119 and Hover Street Intersection 2021 RAISE Application, City of Longmont, Colorado

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of the RAISE program funding application submitted by the City of Longmont for its Colorado State Highway 119 (SH119) and Hover Street project.

Working together, communities along the Northwest Corridor, including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville, Lafayette, Erie, Broomfield, and Westminster have identified SH119 as a vital economic and passenger corridor. This project will optimize regional connectivity and mobility between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont. It will provide a safer intersection for all travelers, create a time advantage for transit users with a queue jump lane and transit-only signal, and create a more connected transportation system by linking bicyclists and pedestrians to surrounding destinations and transit facilities.

This project is also an important step toward advancing other planned multimodal corridor improvements such as bus rapid transit (BRT), express/managed lanes, and a commuter bikeway that will facilitate interregional travel and improve safety for all travelers.

I appreciate your most serious consideration of this funding request. Please feel free to contact me at rpapsdorf@drcog.org if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,



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