



July 2, 2021

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 are pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2021 RAISE grant application for the City of Longmont's project at CO 119 and Hover: Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all.

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

- Construct 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 equitable and 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 CO 119 regional corridor, facilitating interregional travel from rural areas to the east and improving safety for all travelers.

The total cost of the project is \$27.1 million and the non-federal funds that have been raised thus far account for \$9 million. Another key component to this project is its rural economic impact. All of the communities in this region of Colorado already fall under the RAISE grant 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 RAISE grant application for the City of Longmont's project at CO 119 and Hover: Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all. 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,
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