

US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC)

May 31, 2018

Boulder County

City of Boulder

*City & County of
Broomfield*

City of Lafayette

City of Longmont

City of Louisville

City of Westminster

Town of Erie

Town of Superior

Colorado Department of Transportation
Transportation Commission
Executive Director Michael Lewis
4201 South Arkansas Avenue
Denver, CO 80201

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission and Executive Director Michael Lewis:

As a follow-up to our letter to you in February 2018, we are writing on behalf of the US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) and Commuting Solutions. The members of the MCC include the City of Boulder, Boulder County, Broomfield, Erie, Lafayette, Louisville, Longmont, Superior and Westminster. Commuting Solutions is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization whose mission *is to connect commuters to places in the northwest metro region for today and for the future.*

The US 36 MCC and Commuting Solutions appreciated the opportunity to share our comments with the CDOT Transportation Commission at your meetings in early 2018 and your openness to continue seeking stakeholder input to refine the CDOT project list. Our understanding is that this list will be the basis for allocation of existing and future state transportation revenues for key regional projects.

We support CDOT's work to update the statewide list of priority projects, particularly now that the legislature has approved SB18-001, which provides additional transportation funding for 2018-19. We recognize that SB18-001 is intended to be complementary to a future ballot initiative in 2018 or 2019 to secure the on-going, additional funding necessary to achieve Colorado's critical multimodal transportation needs for today as well as for the future.

We appreciate and acknowledge the initial partial funding identified for SH 7, SH 42, and SH 119 multimodal corridor improvements in the current draft list of projects. However, we believe that to provide an equitable share to the northwest metro region, more funding dedicated to our region will be needed.

Including greater funding for these and other key northwest area projects on CDOT's priority list of projects is essential to garner support and rebuild trust in this part of the region. It is also important to ensure that funding for such projects be identified as being made available early in the timeline for CDOT's priority project list so that northwest area travelers see the investment being made sooner than later.

We urge you to identify additional project funding in coordination with northwest area local governments. In general, we support funding for regional arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes, and other multi-modal transportation improvements.

Our highest regional priorities are SH 119, SH 7, SH 42/95th Street, US 287, US 36/28th St., SH 93/Broadway, and SH 95/Sheridan Boulevard, as well as completion of the remaining capital improvements for Flatiron Flyer, including the Broomfield north side Park-n-Ride, and relocation of Church Ranch Bus Rapid Transit Boarding Platform.

These projects are essential linkages to build the base system multimodal network needed for our citizens and business community over the next 20 years.

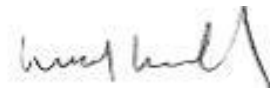
We recognize the need for statewide funding and that the metro region will continue to give more than we receive. However, our voters are unlikely to take a risk of being short-changed again (as occurred with RTD FasTracks), when asked to support another transportation ballot initiative. Due to this past disappointment, our voters will want assurances of greater local return on their tax dollars and knowledge that such investments will be made in a reasonable timeframe.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input and look forward to engaging further on any transportation funding initiatives in the state. Please see the attached list for our proposed projects and funding.

Sincerely,



Robert Muckle
Mayor, City of Louisville
On the behalf of the US 36 MCC



David Driscoll
Board Chairperson

**US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition/Commuting Solutions List of Priority
Projects
February 2018**

Corridor	Description	Cost Est.	Funding level shown in current draft CDOT list	Project List Funding Request	Source
SH119, downtown Boulder to downtown Longmont	Regional arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes, and other multi-modal improvements	\$230M - \$600+M	\$120M	\$300M	NAMS ¹ SH119 EA, Boulder County and Longmont
SH7, downtown Boulder to downtown Brighton	BRT, commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes and other multimodal improvements	\$352M	\$80M	\$180M	NAMS, regional PEL ² studies, EATP ³
US287, from SH66 to US36	BRT, commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes and other multimodal improvements	\$90M	\$0	\$45M	NAMS
SH42/95 th St	BRT, commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes and other multimodal improvements	\$27.4M	\$10M	\$13.7	NAMS PEL
US36/28 th St and SH93/Broadway	Operational improvements for multiple regional BRT routes	\$26M	\$0	\$13M	NAMS
East Bound US36/Church Ranch and 36/Broomfield Stations	Remaining capital improvements for Flatiron Flyer. Broomfield north side PnR, relocation of Church Ranch Platform.	\$36.5M	\$0	\$36.5M	NAMS
SH 95/Sheridan Boulevard	Lane balancing/multimodal grade separation of US 36 Bikeway	\$8.05M	\$0	8.05M	TIGER Application ⁴
Total		\$769.95M - \$1.139.95B	\$210M	\$596.25M	

¹ [Northwest Area Mobility Study](#) (2013)

² Planning Environmental Linkage Study

³ [East Arapahoe/SH7 Transportation Plan](#)

⁴ Westminster TIGER Application (2017)