

US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC)

Boulder County

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*City & County of
Broomfield*

City of Lafayette

City of Longmont

City of Louisville

City of Westminster

Town of Erie

Town of Superior

July 16, 2018

Colorado Department of Transportation
Transportation Commission
Executive Director Michael Lewis
2829 West Howard Place
Denver, CO 80204

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

The US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) and Commuting Solutions appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the transportation projects included into the CDOT statewide new funding project list.

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.*

This requested project list has been updated to acknowledge the considerable matching funds that will be provided to leverage the requested CDOT funds, recognizing the importance of local commitment to partner with CDOT to create these key projects – with all of our agencies having “skin in the game”.

We support CDOT staff’s recent recommendations to further invest anticipated sales tax revenue by leveraging the multimodal match funding with the project and local match funding into the northwest metro region. With the proposed recommendation, we can build upon the successful, multi-modal model of the US 36 Express Lanes project to create a regional multimodal network that connects all of northeast Colorado to the northwest metro area employment growth area.

The US 36 MCC and Commuting Solutions support amending the CDOT statewide priority project list to include the staff recommendation, at the dollar amounts shown, with the goal that these projects will be completed in a timely manner if the state transportation funding ballot is approved by voters in November.

- We recognize that the dollar amounts requested represent only partial project funding from CDOT; northwest area communities will also secure matching funds, which will also come from non-CDOT sources such as city, county, regional, and/or federal sources.
- These projects are reasonable, cost-effective, long-term mobility solutions and are modeled on the success of US 36 multi-modal corridor improvements.
- The projects benefit people who drive, as well as existing and new transit riders, and people who commute by bike.

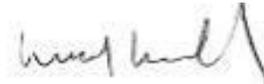
- The projects are cost effective and will improve safety and the economic vitality for the region, metro area and state.
- The projects connect communities beyond the northwest region including Larimer, Weld, Jefferson and Adams County, and will facilitate interregional, multi-modal trips.
- Northwest communities realize that we will generate more sales tax dollars than we get back and are willing to do that to support larger regional and statewide needs.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input and look forward to engaging further on any transportation funding initiatives in the state.

Sincerely,



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



David Driscoll
Board Chairperson