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February 26, 2025

Dear Senator Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper, and Congressman Crow,

On behalf of the City of Aurora, we are writing to express our strong support for the City of Aurora's Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the Box Elder Creek Roadway Improvement project. The City's application seeks funding to reconstruct flood-damaged 56th Avenue and Hudson Road, and to implement additional design and construction features to mitigate anticipated future flood risks. We believe the project is necessary for the rapid recovery of these key arterial roads and their continued operation through future severe weather events.

An increase in severe storms in the Aurora area has placed transportation infrastructure at risk, particularly in the floodplain along Box Elder Creek. 56th Avenue and Hudson Road washed out during a heavy rain fall event in June 2023 when Box Elder Creek jumped its banks and overwhelmed existing drainage infrastructure. Miles of closures due to flood damage have restricted access to critical facilities in the region, including Denver International Airport (DEN), Colorado Air and Space Port, and a variety of logistics and distribution companies. Lengthy detours have had and will continue to produce significant negative economic impacts and further burden essential workers from accessing their employment sites.

Implementation of this project will improve the resiliency of critical transportation infrastructure in the region, maintaining efficient, safe, and reliable movement of freight and people through severe storms. We strongly urge you to include this funding request as it is extremely significant to the community, and we ask you to support the City of Aurora's funding request for this important project.

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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Jason Crow  
1323 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Subject: CDOT acknowledgement of the City of Aurora's Box Elder Creek Roadway Improvement Project**

Dear Congressman Crow,

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) understands that all requests for Community Funded Projects under the Highway Infrastructure Program require CDOT to ascertain if the project is eligible for funding and be good stewards of the funds if they are enacted.

On behalf of CDOT, I write this letter to acknowledge that:

1. This project is eligible for Federal-aid highway funding under title 23, US Code.
2. If a project is selected, CDOT will administer the enacted funds as required by federal regulations.
3. CDOT will include the project on the STIP once funding for the project is enacted.

CDOT agrees to follow the applicable requirements for the administration of federal dollars should the project receive funds.

Thank you for your consideration of the project.

Sincerely,

*Herman F. Stockinger III*

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