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We are writing to express our strong support for the grant application submitted by the City of Aurora for the I-70/Aerotropolis Parkway Project. This project is a critical infrastructure initiative that promises to significantly enhance regional connectivity, economic growth, and quality of life for residents and businesses in Aurora and the surrounding areas.

The I-70/Aerotropolis Parkway Project aims to construct a new interchange at Interstate 70 and Aerotropolis Parkway, formerly known as Harvest Road. This interchange will serve as a vital link between Aurora and Denver International Airport, facilitating smoother and more efficient transportation of people and goods. The project includes several key features, such as:

- Improved Traffic Flow: The new interchange will incorporate roundabouts and optimized transit operations, reducing congestion and improving safety for all road users.
- Multi-Modal Transportation Options: The project will include three miles of pedestrian and bike trails, as well as ten additional miles of trails north of I-70 and south of Denver International Airport. This will promote sustainable transportation and provide residents with more travel options.
- Economic Development: The Aerotropolis region is expected to create 170,000 new jobs, contributing to the economic vitality of Aurora and the broader region. The improved connectivity will attract businesses and foster commercial and industrial growth 1.

The Colorado Transportation Commission has already approved a resolution allowing the development of this \$30 million interchange, demonstrating the project's feasibility and importance.

Additionally, the project aligns with the goals of the Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority, which is committed to enhancing transportation infrastructure in Aurora and Adams County.

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In conclusion, the I-70/Aerotropolis Parkway Project is a transformative initiative that will bring substantial benefits to our community. We wholeheartedly support the grant application and urge you to consider providing the necessary funding to ensure its successful implementation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the City of Aurora, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the I-70/Aerotropolis Interchange project. This vital infrastructure initiative marks the first phase of the comprehensive Aerotropolis Parkway project, which promises to significantly enhance connectivity and economic development in our region.

The construction of the new interchange on I-70 between E-470 and the US-36/Airpark interchanges, including the new bridge for Aerotropolis Parkway over I-70, a four-quadrant ramp system, and the realignment of Colfax Avenue, is a critical step forward. This project will not only improve traffic flow and safety but also facilitate smoother access to key areas, fostering growth and prosperity.

We are particularly excited about the long-term benefits this project will bring to Aurora and the surrounding communities. The Aerotropolis Parkway will serve as a vital commerce corridor, connecting I-70 to Denver International Airport, and supporting the development of new business opportunities, residential areas, and recreational spaces.

The City of Aurora is committed to collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure the successful completion of this project. We believe that the I-70/Aerotropolis Interchange will be a cornerstone of our transportation infrastructure, driving progress and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Thank you for your dedication to this important endeavor. We look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Coffman, Mayor Aurora, Colorado