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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Jason Crow
U.S. House of Representatives
1323 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crow,

I am writing on behalf of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to support the City of Littleton's proposed intersection improvements at Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue. The proposed improvements are consistent with DRCOG's Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and Santa Fe Drive is consistently identified as a congested corridor in DRCOG's annual congestion report.

The Mineral/Santa Fe Operational Improvements Project will provide much needed congestion relief for the area. The project will improve greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing idling time at the intersection and provide safety improvements for the nearly 90,000 vehicles that traverse this intersection daily.

The project is adjacent to a light rail station and bus hub, and near one of the most heavily used regional trails in the Denver metro area. The Denver metro area and the City of Littleton are facing a housing shortage, and nearby development that is proposed in the vicinity of the project will bring a variety of new housing, plus new commercial development to the area.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the City of Littleton's FY 2025 Community Project Funding application. Please feel free to contact me at drex@drcog.org if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Rex
Executive Director





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Office of the Deputy Executive Director

March 25, 2024

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

Subject: CDOT acknowledgment of the City of Littleton's Santa Fe and Mineral Intersection Improvements project

Dear Congressman Crow,

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) understands that all requests for Community Funded Projects under the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) account 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 the project is selected, CDOT will administer the enacted funds as required by federal regulations.
3. This project is on the CDOT STIP under project 2020-060.

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

Herman Stockinger
Deputy Director
Colorado Department of Transportation





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April 30, 2024

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RE: Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue Intersection

Dear Representative Crow,

Arapahoe County supports the proposed improvements at the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection.

The Mineral/Santa Fe Operational Improvements Project will reduce congestion, reduce crash rates, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase safety and access to transit and multimodal facilities. Approximately 90,000 vehicles per day pass through the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection. The number of households and jobs within a half mile of the project is set to increase 27 percent and 32 percent, respectively, from 2020 to 2050. Moreover, the density of households and jobs are projected to increase by over 30 percent by 2050. Surrounding developments are expected to add 1,320 dwelling units. The Santa Fe Park development, mixed-use redevelopment of the Equine Medical Center, and mixed-use redevelopment of Aspen Grove will create new residential and employment centers surrounding the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection. Project improvements will increase access to these employment locations through multimodal options, reduced congestion, and added safety for all users.

The project is adjacent to a Light Rail Station and bus hub, and near one of the most heavily used regional trails in the Denver metro area. The Denver metro area and the City of Littleton are facing a housing shortage, and nearby development that is in the works surrounding the project will bring a wide diversity of new housing stock, plus a variety of new commercial development bringing jobs to the area. With an estimated cost of over \$27M and construction timeline of 18-24 months, the project will provide employment for construction personnel and material suppliers. When completed, the project will reduce traffic crashes, reduce travel delay, increase active transportation and transit usage, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

With your support CDS funding will lessen the funding gap, effectively leveraging \$12.652 million in regional funding secured for the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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