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March 20, 2024

Dear Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper,

On behalf of UCHealth's University of Colorado Hospital I am writing to support the City of Aurora in their efforts to seek Congressionally Directed Spending for the Montview Boulevard Complete Streets Project.

UCHealth is headquartered in Aurora on the Anschutz Medical Campus and has a keen interest in the growth and improvement of the area. With more than 25,000 employees throughout Colorado we are eager to support improvements in the adjacent Fitzsimons Innovation Community. Since arriving at UCHealth in 2021 my goal has been to collaborate closely with Anschutz Campus medical leaders to help educate and train future generations of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care workers. To this end I serve on the Board of the Fitzsimons Innovation Community.

The lack of infrastructure on the Fitzsimons Innovation Campus, and specifically the need to improve the streets on the campus, is a barrier to our success. The campus is workplace, home, and school to thousands at UC Health. Federal financial support for infrastructure that could supplement investments by campus partners and the City of Aurora would accelerate the realization of the long-term vision for this campus.

Rebuilding Montview Boulevard, the main east-west street and gateway to the community is a priority. Montview fronts our campus and is difficult to drive and more difficult for pedestrians to safely cross. An improved Montview Boulevard will benefit students, campus workers, bus users, campus shuttle passengers, motorists, and pedestrians alike, creating a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environment for all. The project is well-designed and shovel ready.

Support from our Colorado Senators for those requests is extremely significant to the community and will leverage other funding. I urge you to support the City of Aurora's funding request for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Tom Gronow, Ed.D., M.H.A.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
University of Colorado Hospital



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March 27, 2024

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
261 Russell Senate Building  
2 Constitution Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hickenlooper  
Russell Senate Office Building  
2 Constitution Avenue NE  
Suite SR-374  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jason Crow  
1323 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper, and Representative Crow,

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) respectfully submits this letter of support for the City of Aurora's request for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Montview Boulevard Complete Streets project.

The Fitzsimons Innovation Community and the Anschutz Medical Campus are significant economic drivers for Aurora, the Denver metro area, and the state. It is one of the largest medical and bioscience developments in the country, integrating state-of-the-art medical education, research, and clinical facilities. The Fitzsimons Innovation Community is rapidly developing into an office, hotel, and residential district focused on medical and bioscience uses. Eighty companies currently operate there, generating \$10 billion in annual economic impact. Recent investments in apartments, lodging, schools, and retail are creating a community that will rival the best biomedical communities in the world.

The lack of infrastructure on the Fitzsimons Innovation Campus, and specifically the need to improve streets on the campus, is a barrier to its success. Enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist safety and convenience, improving traffic flow, and creating a visually appealing streetscape by rebuilding Montview Boulevard, the main east-west street on the campus, is the priority.

Montview Boulevard serves many different individuals in this area, including students from the University of Colorado, medical staff affiliated with CU Medicine, the Aurora Police Department at District 1, and the Aurora Housing Authority, among others. Further, Aurora Public Schools, RTD users, and those visiting the campus as patients will be better served. These improvements will benefit bus users, campus shuttle passengers, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike, creating a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environment for all.

The cost of building an enhanced Montview Boulevard is approximately \$35 million, and the City of Aurora is requesting \$3 million in Congressionally Directed Spending in FY 2025 for this purpose. Federal financial support for this project supplements investments by campus partners and the City of Aurora to accelerate the realization of the long-term vision for this campus.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request from the City of Aurora. Please feel free to contact me at [rpapsdorf@drcog.org](mailto:rpapsdorf@drcog.org) if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,



Ron Papsdorf  
Director  
Transportation Planning & Operations





March 20, 2024

Dear Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper,

On behalf of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and as Vice Chair of the Fitzsimons Innovation Community, I am writing to support the City of Aurora in their efforts to seek Congressionally Directed Spending for the Montview Boulevard Complete Streets Project.

The Fitzsimons Innovation Community and the Anschutz Medical Campus are an economic engine for Aurora, the Denver metro area, and the entire state. It is one of the largest medical and bioscience developments in the country, integrating state-of-the-art medical education, research, and clinical facilities. The medical campus is a destination for healing and hope, creativity, innovation, learning and discovery with unlimited potential. The Fitzsimons Innovation Community is developing into an office, hotel, and residential district focused on medical and bioscience uses. Eighty companies currently operate there, generating \$10 billion in annual economic impact. Recent investments in apartments, a new hotel, schools, and retail are creating a community that will rival the best biomedical communities in the world.

The lack of infrastructure on the Fitzsimons Innovation Campus, and specifically the need to improve the streets on the campus, is a barrier to our success. Federal financial support for infrastructure that could supplement investments by campus partners and the City of Aurora would accelerate the realization of the long-term vision for this campus.

Rebuilding Montview Boulevard, the main east-west street and gateway to the community is a priority. Montview fronts our campus and is difficult to drive and more difficult for pedestrians to safely cross. To this end, we contributed to a collaborative public private partnership including the City of Aurora, the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority, the Metro Districts, and private sector partners to fully fund and complete the design of Montview. The project is now shovel ready and includes multi-modal and sustainable design. An improved Montview Boulevard will benefit students, campus workers, bus users, campus shuttle passengers, motorists, and pedestrians alike, creating a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environment for all.

Support from our Colorado Senators for those requests is extremely significant to the community and will leverage other funding. I urge you to support the City of Aurora's funding request for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Donald M. Elliman, Jr.

Chancellor

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



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March 22, 2024

On behalf of the City of Aurora we are writing to support efforts to seek Congressionally Directed Spending for the Montview Boulevard Complete Streets Project.

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The lack of infrastructure on the Fitzsimons Innovation Campus, and specifically the need to improve the streets on the campus, is a barrier to the success of one of the City's major economic drivers. Federal financial support for infrastructure that could supplement investments by campus partners and the City of Aurora would accelerate the realization of the long-term vision for this campus.

An improved Montview Boulevard will benefit bus users, campus shuttle passengers, motorists, and pedestrians alike by creating a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environment for all. Montview Boulevard serves many different individuals in this area, including students from the University of Colorado, medical staff affiliated with CU Medicine, the Aurora Police Department at District 1, the Aurora Housing Authority, among others. An improved Montview will also benefit the Aurora Public Schools, RTD users, and those visiting the campus as patients. Support from our Colorado delegation for this request is extremely significant to the community and we ask you to support the City of Aurora's funding request for this important project.

Mike Coffman  
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**Department of Transportation**

Office of the Deputy Executive Director

March 25, 2024

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

**CDOT acknowledgment of the City of Aurora's Montview Boulevard Complete Streets 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*

Herman Stockinger  
Deputy Director  
Colorado Department of Transportation



March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
U.S. Senate  
261 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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

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374 Russell Senate Building  
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Dear Senator Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper, and Congressman Crow,

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Enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist safety and convenience, alleviating and improving traffic flow, and creating a visually appealing streetscape to rebuild Montview Boulevard, the main east-west street on the campus, are priorities within the area. These improvements will benefit transit users, campus shuttle passengers, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike, creating a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environment for all.

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In closing, the support of the members of Colorado's Congressional delegation is critical to the City of Aurora's funding request for this important project. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Johnson  
General Manager and CEO