

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

October 12, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the City of Westminster, we write to ask for your full and fair consideration of the TIGER Grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative. The project will implement regionally significant multi-modal improvements at U. S. 36 and Sheridan Boulevard by widening Sheridan Boulevard and constructing an underpass to serve pedestrians, bicyclists and future autonomous shuttles.

Westminster's application will improve safety and support economic competitiveness. Downtown Westminster is currently under construction and will include 8,000 new workers, 4,500 new residents, one million square feet of office, and 700,000 square feet of retail space when complete.

The underpass will connect Downtown Westminster, the US 36 Bikeway and the Regional Transportation District's US 36 and Sheridan Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station. It will realize the region's vision of an uninterrupted pedestrian and bicycle path linking Boulder to Denver. Without a grade separation, pedestrians and cyclists must cross 14 travel lanes across 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard when riding the bikeway or walking from the BRT Station to jobs and housing in Downtown Westminster.

The widening of Sheridan Boulevard will match the number of lanes on the newly constructed Sheridan Bridge over US 36, relieving a pinch point of vehicular congestion. The proposed improvement will also connect a number of the city's low income communities to the region's transit network and provide access to educational and employment opportunities for Westminster residents.

Thank you for giving this project full and fair consideration. Please contact our offices if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



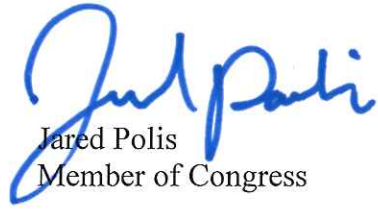
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