



COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Office of the Executive Director

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has reviewed the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) IX grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, Colorado. CDOT concurs with the application and is willing to form a partnership with the City of Westminster by pledging matching funds not to exceed \$729,300.

The City of Westminster seeks a TIGER grant to implement regionally significant multi-modal improvements in Downtown Westminster at US 36 and Sheridan Boulevard. The primary goals of the project are to improve safety and to support economic competitiveness. Westminster's grant application speaks to all of the TIGER selection criteria. Downtown Westminster is under construction and will include 8,000 new works, 4,500 new residents, 1 million square feet of office and 700,000 square feet of retail. The TIGER Grant request includes:

- Construction of an underpass to serve pedestrians, cyclists and future autonomous shuttles connecting Downtown Westminster, the US 36 Bikeway and Regional Transportation District's US 36 and Sheridan Park and Ride. The Bikeway connects Boulder to Denver. Without a grade separation of the US 36 Bikeway, pedestrians and cyclists must cross 14 travel lanes across 88th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard to continue on the Bikeway. Average daily traffic at this location is 55,863 with a posted speed limit of 40 MPH.
- Widening of Sheridan Boulevard (State Highway 95) from US 36 to 88th Avenue to six through lanes. Sheridan Boulevard provides regional connectivity to State Highway 76 and I-70. The Westminster Comprehensive Plan ranks this segment of Sheridan as the most congested roadway in the City. Widening of Sheridan Boulevard was anticipated with the replacement of the Sheridan Boulevard Bridge over US 36 as part of the US 36 Express Lanes Project. The proposed widening will match the number of lanes in the new bridge.

CDOT and its partners have invested tremendous resources to construct the US 36 Express Lanes and Bikeway. The components of this project complete planned improvements. CDOT is pleased to form this partnership with the City of Westminster. If you need further information, please contact Ron Papsdorf at (303) 757-9105.

Sincerely,

Shailen P. Bhatt
Executive Director

