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

RE: Support for US 36 Bikeway Transit Tunnel Underpass in Westminster, CO

Dear Secretary Chao:

Bike Jeffco, the Jefferson County Colorado bicycle advocacy group, supports the City of Westminster's TIGER grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, Colorado. Bike Jeffco is a 501c3 non-profit that promotes cycling as a viable recreation and transportation option, with a mission to increase safety and provide a voice for cyclists in Jefferson County, Colorado where this project is proposed.

This multi-modal improvement would eliminate the at-grade road crossings of Sheridan Boulevard by the US 36 Bikeway. Sheridan Boulevard is an arterial road which presents high risk for motorist collisions with bicyclists and pedestrians. The underpass will also stop bicyclists and pedestrians needing to cross fourteen lanes of traffic to access one of the Denver Regional Transportation District's busiest Park N Rides. US 36 Bikeway has bicycle tunnels under other similar arterial streets it intersects. Completing the proposed project would be a major safety improvement, and is fully compliant with the criteria of the TIGER grant for safety, quality of life, environmental sustainability, and partnership.

Bike Jeffco has been involved with and supported the US 36 bikeway since it was first proposed. We recognize the critical role the bikeway plays as an end-to-end connection for bicyclists transiting in and through Westminster, CO. This Smart City Mobility Initiative is essential for Westminster to provide avoidance of bicyclist/motorist crashes. We fully endorse the City of Westminster's grant application.

Respectfully,

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