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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of the TIGER grant application submitted by the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, CO. This vital project will increase the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. The League of American Bicyclists, a national 501 c3 non-profit organization, has been working since 1880 to create a bicycle-friendly America for everyone.

Westminster's TIGER application proposes to construct a grade separation of the 18-mile-long US 36 Bikeway, which was constructed as part of the nationally recognized US 36 Express Lanes Project. The bikeway carried more than 175,000 riders in its first year. The underpass will do much more than facilitate cycling. It will improve safety by eliminating the need for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross fourteen lanes of traffic across Sheridan Boulevard and 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue to access one of the Denver Regional Transportation District's busiest park-n-rides.

Representing the more than 100 million Americans that bicycle, the League supports the Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in this project. This funding will help maximize the public and private investments which have already been made in the US 36 Corridor. The League recommends funding this regionally-significant multimodal infrastructure proposed by the City of Westminster.

Sincerely,

Bill Nesper  
Executive Director