



October 11, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing on behalf of the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance in support of the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, Colorado. The Colorado Smart Cities Alliance state-wide, multi-jurisdictional partnership designed to accelerate the development of Smart City initiatives across the state of Colorado.

Westminster's TIGER application proposes to reconstruct and widen Sheridan Boulevard while building an underpass to eliminate the at-grade trail crossing of the U.S. 36 Bikeway which was constructed as part of the nationally recognized US 36 Express Lanes Project. The underpass will do much more than facilitate bicyclist. The project includes construction components that will lay the foundation of Westminster's Smart City efforts.

The project will transform an otherwise traditional underpass into an interactive 'smart' underpass. The smart underpass vision includes adaptive LED lighting, digital wi-fi enabled informational kiosks, interactive art features, and transportation technology for the future use of autonomous transit vehicles. The roadway widening includes intelligent traffic sensor cameras that integrates intelligent thermal sensors to detect vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles in the darkest of nights over a long range and in the most difficult weather conditions.

The Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative provides an innovative transportation improvements that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and will help maximize the public and private investments which have already been made in the US 36 Corridor.

The Colorado Smart Cities Alliance encourages funding the regionally significant multimodal infrastructure proposed by the City of Westminster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jake Rishavy".

Jake Rishavy
Co-Founder, Colorado Smart Cities Alliance

