

October 5, 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 Commuting Solutions, the Transportation Management Organization (TMO) serving the northwest part of the Denver metropolitan area. For almost 20 years, our mission has been to enhance the mobility of commuters for today and the future. Our role is to improve the economic vitality of the region, maximize use of our existing infrastructure and work alongside local governments to improve region-wide connectivity.

We write in strong support of the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, Colorado. 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 88th Avenue to access one of the Denver Regional Transportation District's busiest park n rides. Removing this barrier will create increased synergy among the modes of travel operating along the US 36 Corridor.

The Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative supports options for active transportation for our communities and will help maximize the public and private investments which have already been made in the US 36 Corridor. Constructing a safe and efficient first and final mile connection will improve access to jobs, education and essential services.

Commuting Solutions supports funding the regionally significant multimodal infrastructure proposed by the City of Westminster.

Sincerely,



David Driscoll
Board Chairperson