



**Downtown Westminster
Smart City
Mobility Initiative**

TIGER IX DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROJECT
FISCAL YEAR 2017

**ATTACHMENT B -
MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 24

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

SERIES OF 2017

Bird, Baker

**A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A TIGER GRANT
FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

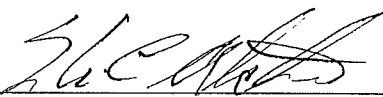
WHEREAS, the City of Westminster supports the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative. And if the grant is awarded, the City of Westminster supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster has requested \$5 million from the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) to widen Sheridan Boulevard between US 36 and 88th Avenue, and to construct an underpass for the use of pedestrian, bicyclists and transit vehicles between Downtown Westminster, the US 36 Bikeway and RTD's Park n Ride at US 36.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Westminster strongly supports the application and has appropriated funds which can be re-allocated to match an awarded grant with US DOT.
2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Westminster strongly supports the completion of the project.
3. The City Council of the City of Westminster intends to authorize the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
4. The City Council of the City of Westminster will ensure that Sheridan Blvd. between US 36 and 88th Avenue and the new underpass thereunder are maintained in a high-quality condition by Intergovernmental Agreement and appropriation of funds for maintenance in its annual budget.
5. If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the Director of Community Development to sign the grant agreement with US DOT.
6. The City Council of the City of Westminster also authorizes the Mayor of Westminster to certify that the City of Westminster will comply with Federal wage requirements for any expenditures for the project.
7. This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2017.



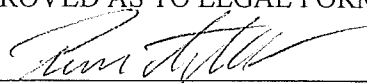
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By: 

Office of the City Attorney



COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Office of the Executive Director

October 5, 2017

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

