

October 2, 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 Westminster Chamber of Commerce in support of the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, Colorado. The goal of the Chamber is to continuously improve the business climate and build opportunities for growth in Westminster and surrounding areas.

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.

The Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative supports options for our members to access jobs and increases our economic competitiveness. It will help maximize the public and private investments which have already been made in the US 36 Corridor.

The Westminster Chamber of Commerce encourages funding the regionally significant multimodal infrastructure proposed by the City of Westminster.

Sincerely,



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