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October 10, 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 City of Westminster's Parks, Recreation, Libraries and Open Space Advisory Board in support of the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the Downtown Westminster Smart City Mobility Initiative in Westminster, Colorado. The Parks, Recreation, Libraries and Open Space Advisory Board advises City Council on various community needs and provides input related to parks, recreation, libraries and open space issues, service delivery to the community and long-range planning.

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 active transportation for our communities and will help maximize the public and private investments which have already been made in the US 36 Corridor.

Westminster's Parks, Recreation, Libraries and Open Space Advisory Board encourages funding the regionally significant multimodal infrastructure proposed by the City of Westminster.

Sincerely,

Marley Steele-Inama
Board Chair, Parks, Recreation, Libraries and Open Space Board