



APPENDIX C:

Letters of Support



SAFELY **CONNECTING** **COMMUNITIES**

with Equitable, Sustainable, and Reliable Transit & Mobility

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write in support of Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project (the Diagonal) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As Colorado recovers from devastating wildfires and responds to the impacts of climate change, we seek to invest in surface transportation to reduce our reliance on private vehicles by improving safety, accessibility, and reliability of other travel modes.

In addition to serving the communities of Longmont and Boulder, the Diagonal serves commuters from across the region, including Weld and Larimer Counties. This project will allow Boulder County to:

- Reduce the time it takes to travel through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service in half by creating bus queue bypass lanes and transit-only signalization,
- Prevent potentially 425 vehicular crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project by constructing safer intersections for all travelers at the CO 52 and Airport Road; and,
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by integrating BRT stations, Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably.

The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

This project is pivotal to advancing identified, multi-modal corridor improvements that will facilitate interregional travel from rural areas, ensure equitable travel for local disadvantaged communities, and improve safety for all travelers regardless of mode. We encourage you to give the County's application your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and

regulations. Thank you for your consideration, and please notify our offices of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,

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Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

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John Hickenlooper
United States Senator



April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write today in support of the 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project.

Our Northwest metro area is one of the fastest growing regions of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119 also known as the Diagonal) between Boulder and Longmont is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As our state rebuilds from countless wildfires and the ongoing impacts of climate change, it is critical that we seek transit and transportation improvements that reduce our reliance on private vehicles by improving safety, accessibility, and reliability of other travel modes.

Key to our region's economy and mobility, the CO 119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
- Prevent potentially 425 vehicular crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project by constructing safer intersections for all travelers at the CO 52 and Airport Road; and,
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The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

This project is pivotal to advancing identified, multi-modal corridor improvements that will facilitate inter-regional travel from rural areas to the east, ensure equitable travel for local disadvantaged communities, and improve safety for all travelers regardless of mode. I ask that you give Boulder County's application full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Neguse".

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress

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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Boulder County, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119)
Diagonal Mobility Improvements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to support the 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project.

The Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As our state rebuilds from countless wildfires and addresses the impacts of climate change, our community needs transit and active transportation improvements to reduce our reliance on private vehicles by improving safety, accessibility, and reliability of other travel modes.

The CO 119 corridor is an important economic link with the communities of Longmont and Boulder along with Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. This CO 119 Diagonal Project will create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does. This project will improve safety and could prevent potentially 425 vehicular crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project by constructing safer intersections for all travelers at CO 52 and Airport Road. Importantly, this project will also develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by integrating BRT stations, Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably.

The \$25M RAISE grant request enjoys broad regional support and will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress

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GOVERNOR



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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Boulder County - Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119) Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It was an honor to host you during your recent visit to Colorado. As you know from your tour of Glenwood Canyon, Colorado wrestles with the impacts of climate change. Transportation is the largest single contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Colorado. My office is committed to addressing the climate crisis through transportation investments that advance multimodal mobility and reduce tailpipe emissions. Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project) will help us achieve this outcome. It is with great optimism that I voice my support for the CO 119 Diagonal Project's 2022 RAISE grant.

Colorado Highway 119 (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal), is key to Colorado's economy and mobility. Located in Boulder County, between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont, by the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially more crashes. We are prioritizing investments in transit, active transportation, and system efficiencies to improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability.

The CO 119 Diagonal Project will:

- Cut average bus travel times in nearly half through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements, including three new BRT stations and new bus queue bypass lanes and transit-only signalization at all but one signalized intersection on the corridor;
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by constructing and connecting new BRT stations, two new Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a new commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably;
- Reconfigure the CO 52, Hover Street, and Airport Road intersections to improve safety, improve vehicular travel flow, and accommodate the new BRT stations and commuter bikeway. In fact, potentially 373 crashes will be prevented over the 20-year life cycle of the project due to these intersection investments; and,
- Improve safety and improve operational efficiency for all users by replacing and upgrading signal poles and lighting and installing new signage and striping at Jay Road, 63rd Street, and Niwot Road will eliminate another 34 crashes and 18 severe (injury and fatal) crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project.

The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to a strong partnership between USDOT, Boulder County, CDOT, RTD, and our local communities to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,

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Jared Polis
Governor
State of Colorado



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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Thank you for your recent visit to Colorado. During your visit you spoke to the important role infrastructure plays in advancing sustainability and social equity. Boulder County shares these values, and respectfully submits our CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project) for consideration for a 2022 RAISE grant.

Located in Boulder County, between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont, Colorado Highway 119 (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal Highway), is key to Colorado's economy and mobility. In fact, by the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially more crashes. We are prioritizing investments in transit, active transportation, and system efficiencies to improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability.

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Matt Jones County Commissioner **Claire Levy** County Commissioner **Marta Loachamin** County Commissioner

We look forward to working alongside the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Regional Transportation District (RTD), who are sponsoring the project. To streamline project development and advance project delivery in an efficient and cost-effective manner, a CO 119 Corridor Leadership structure has been established. Composed of representatives from all organizations with active planning projects on the corridor between 2020 and the present, including CDOT, RTD, Boulder County, City of Boulder, City of Longmont, Commuting Solutions, and Federal Highway Administration, we meet at least monthly to ensure communication and coordination across projects. Reflecting our united commitment for the CO 119 Diagonal Project, the \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all. We look forward to a strong partnership between USDOT, Boulder County, CDOT, RTD and our local communities to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

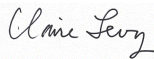
Most sincerely,



Marta Loachamin
Commissioner



Matt Jones
Commissioner



Claire Levy
Commissioner



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Department of Transportation

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2829 W. Howard Place
Denver, CO 80204-2305

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It was an honor to meet with you during your February 2022 visit to Colorado. I especially appreciated connecting with you on the importance of modernizing our transportation system to ensure safety, accessibility, and equitably keeping pace with growth. As we prioritize smart and sustainable development, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) asks for your support of Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project) for consideration for a 2022 RAISE grant.

Located in Boulder County, between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont, Colorado Highway 119 (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal), is key to Colorado's economy and mobility. In fact, by the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially more crashes. We are prioritizing investments in transit, active transportation, and system efficiencies to improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability.

The CO 119 Diagonal Project will:

- Cut average bus travel times in nearly half through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements, including three new BRT stations and new bus queue bypass lanes and transit-only signalization at all but one signalized intersection on the corridor;
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by constructing and connecting new BRT stations, two new Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a new commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably;
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- Improve safety and improve operational efficiency for all users by replacing and upgrading signal poles and lighting and installing new signage and striping at Jay Road, 63rd Street, and Niwot Road will eliminate another 34 crashes and 18 severe (injury and fatal) crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project.



The concurrent advancement of integrated multimodal improvements makes this an especially unique project. CDOT is honored to sponsor this project and eager to coordinate with our corridor partners, Regional Transportation District (RTD), Boulder County, City of Boulder, City of Longmont, Commuting Solutions, and Federal Highway Administration, to ensure inclusive and efficient project delivery. This project has been identified on CDOT's 10-year plan and has prioritized and committed \$64.88M in the 10-year plan which includes strategic State and Federal funds and an additional \$9M in Regional Prioritized Program (RPP) funds. The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to a strong partnership between USDOT, Boulder County, CDOT, RTD, and our local communities to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Most sincerely,



Shoshana M. Lew
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Transportation



Heather Paddock
Region 4 Director
Colorado Department of Transportation



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC, 20590

Subject: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It was an honor to meet with you during your February 2022 trip to Colorado. As you said during your visit, "Transit can be excellent, affordable, equitable, safe, and climate-friendly, and so as a matter of policy, we need to invest in it." In this spirit of investing for a better world, on behalf of the Regional Transportation District (RTD), I express my support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project) for consideration for a 2022 RAISE grant.

Located in Boulder County, between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont, Colorado Highway 119 (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal), is key to Colorado's economy and mobility. In fact, by the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially more crashes. The region is prioritizing investments in transit, active transportation, and system efficiencies to improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability.

The CO 119 Diagonal Project will:

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- Improve safety and improve operational efficiency for all users by replacing and upgrading signal poles and lighting and installing new signage and striping at Jay Road, 63rd Street, and Niwot Road can feasibly prevent another 34 crashes and 18 severe (injury and fatal) crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project

Alongside the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), RTD staff is eager to sponsor this project and to work alongside corridor partners, including Boulder County, City of Boulder, City of Longmont, Commuting Solutions, and Federal Highway Administration, to ensure inclusive and efficient project delivery. The \$25M



RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. I look forward to a strong partnership between USDOT, Boulder County, CDOT, RTD, and our local communities to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Johnson
General Manager and CEO

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Colorado Highway 119 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Boulder County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) respectfully submits this letter of support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO119 Diagonal Project).

Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is a vital corridor in the Northwest area of the DRCOG region, as evidenced by the project's inclusion in the DRCOG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Our Northwest Corridor partners with planning projects on the corridor, including Boulder County, City of Boulder, City of Longmont, and Commuting Solutions, along with agency partners the Regional Transportation District and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), have collaborated to invest in the CO119 corridor to advance greatly needed safety, multimodal mobility, system efficiency, and accessibility improvements for both residents and commuters in the region.

The CO119 Project will provide safer intersections for all travelers, create a time advantage for transit users with queue bypass lanes and transit-only signals, and create a more connected transportation system by linking bicyclists and pedestrians to surrounding destinations and transit facilities. This project is an important step toward advancing planned multimodal corridor improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and a commuter bikeway that will facilitate interregional travel and improve safety for all travelers.

The CO119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant request submitted by Boulder County. Please feel free to contact me at rpapsdorf@drcog.org if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,



Ron Papsdorf
Director
Transportation Planning and Operations

Northwest Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC)

Boulder County

April 7, 2022

City of Boulder

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

*City & County of
Broomfield*

City of Lafayette

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project

City of Longmont

City of Louisville

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

City of Westminster

We are pleased to provide this letter in support of Boulder County's 2022 RAISE grant application for the CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Town of Erie

Town of Superior

Our Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As we rebuild from the Marshall Fire and reckon with the impacts of climate change, we collectively seek transit and active transportation improvements that reduce our reliance on private vehicles by improving safety, accessibility, and reliability of other travel modes.

Our support for the CO 119 Diagonal Project is echoed throughout the Northwest region, as evidenced through the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) 2014 Northwest Area Mobility Study and 2019 SH 119 Multimodal Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. Key to our region's economy and mobility, the CO 119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
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In keeping with track record of effective collaboration across the corridor, the \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,



Aaron Brockett
Mayor, City of Boulder



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Mayor, Town of Superior



Claire Levy
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Ashley Stolzmann
Mayor, City of Louisville



Joan Peck
Mayor, City of Longmont



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April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
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SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Weld County writes to voice our support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119) from Weld County to Boulder County, through Longmont, is a vital corridor that serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. By the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As we manage growth responsibly, equitably, and sustainably, we seek transportation improvements that improve safety, accessibility, and reliability.

Our support for the CO 119 Diagonal Project is echoed throughout the northwest region, as evidenced through the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) 2014 Northwest Area Mobility Study and 2019 SH 119 Multimodal Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

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In alignment with our philosophy of collaboration along this corridor, the \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,



Scott K. James

Chair, Weld County Board of Commissioners

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to voice my support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project). Unfortunately, the entire Board of County Commissioners cannot consider a joint letter of support in time to meet the constraints of the grant application submittal deadline.

Located in neighboring Boulder County, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119) between Boulder and Longmont (known as the Diagonal) is a vital corridor that serves commuters as far away as our county to the north and Weld County to the east. By the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As we manage growth responsibly, equitably, and sustainably, we seek transportation improvements that improve safety, accessibility, and reliability.

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Appreciatively,

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Kristin Stephens
Chair, Larimer County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Commissioner John Kefalas, District 1
Commissioner Jody Shadduck McNally, District 3
Mark Peterson, County Engineer

April 7, 2022

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Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As the Transportation Management Organization for Colorado's northwest metropolitan region, we are pleased to provide this letter in support of Boulder County's 2022 RAISE grant application for the CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

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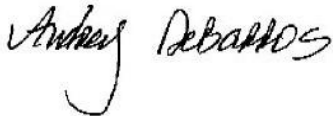
Our support for the CO 119 Diagonal Project is echoed throughout the Northwest region, as evidenced through the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) 2014 Northwest Area Mobility Study and 2019 SH 119 Multimodal Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. Key to our region's economy and mobility, the CO 119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
- Prevent potentially 425 vehicular crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project by constructing safer intersections for all travelers at the CO 52 and Airport Road; and,
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by integrating BRT stations, Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably.

In keeping with track record of effective collaboration across the corridor, the \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,



Audrey DeBarros
Executive Director
Commuting Solutions



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Northwest Chamber Alliance (NWCA) submits this letter in support of Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project) 2022 RAISE grant application. The NWCA is a coalition representing 3,600 businesses, that focuses on issues that impact economic vitality and quality of life across the region.

The NWCA supports this grant application because we recognize the strong correlation between workforce attraction and retention and the provision of safe, accessible, affordable, and environmentally sustainable multi-modal transportation options that serve users across the region. The CO 119 Diagonal Project would increase such transportation options, including for commuters, positively impacting our region's business and workforce development and overall economic vitality.

Boulder County is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. This estimated increase in congestion underlies the importance of the provision of multi-modal options, from those using automobiles, to transit service, bike routes and pedestrian connections, as proposed in this application.

We support the CO 119 Diagonal Project because it will:

- Cut average bus travel times in nearly half through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements, including three new BRT stations and new bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization at all but one signalized intersection on the corridor;
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by constructing and connecting new BRT stations, two new Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a new commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably;
- Reconfigure the CO 52, Hover Street, and Airport Road intersections to improve safety, improve vehicular travel flow, and accommodate the new BRT stations and commuter bikeway. Potentially 373 crashes will be prevented over the 20-year life cycle of the project due to these intersection investments; and,

- Improve safety and operational efficiency for all users by replacing and upgrading signal poles and lighting and by installing new signage and striping at Jay Road, 63rd Street, and Niwot Road. These improvements will eliminate 34 crashes and 18 severe (injury and fatal) crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project.
- An additional recommendation we propose for consideration is the provision of spaces at the BRT stations for food trucks.

The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County’s CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity across the region.

Sincerely,

John Tayer
President & CEO



Sam Taylor
President & CEO



Vicki Trumbo
Executive Director



Rachel Garcia
Board of Directors



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Advisory Board



Scott Cook
CEO



Amber Thiel
Executive Director



Deana Miller
Executive Director





CITY OF LONGMONT | Office of the Mayor & City Council

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 - RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As Mayor of the City of Longmont, I am writing to express the City's full support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Our Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway (CO) 119 between Boulder and my community of Longmont is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As we reckon with the impacts of climate change, we collectively seek transit and active transportation improvements that reduce our reliance on private vehicles by improving safety, accessibility, and reliability of other travel modes.

Our support for the CO 119 Diagonal Project is echoed throughout the Northwest region, as evidenced through the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) 2014 Northwest Area Mobility Study and 2019 SH 119 Multimodal Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. Key to our region's economy and mobility, the CO 119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
- Prevent potentially 425 vehicular crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project by constructing safer intersections for all travelers at the CO 52 and Airport Road; and,

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- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by integrating BRT stations, Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably.

In keeping with track record of effective collaboration across the corridor, the \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor. The City of Longmont is committed to providing \$2 million as matching dollars for this project.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Appreciatively,



Mayor Joan Peck
City of Longmont



**City of Boulder
City Council**

Mayor Aaron Brockett Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Friend

Council Members: Matt Benjamin, Lauren Folkerts, Junie Joseph,
Nicole Speer, Mark Wallach, Tara Winer, Bob Yates

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Boulder is pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Boulder County is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially 425 crashes over the 20-year life cycle of the project. As our state wrestles with the impacts of climate change, as witnessed by the devastating Marshall Fire, and strives to grow sustainably, we are prioritizing transit and active transportation improvements that reduce our reliance on private vehicles, limit crashes, and improve accessibility for our most vulnerable transit users.

Our community partners with active planning projects on the corridor, including Boulder County, the City of Longmont, and Commuting Solutions, along with our agency partners, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD), are united in our support for the CO 119 Diagonal Project. The project will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half its current travel time;
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by integrating BRT stations, Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a commuter bikeway so community members can switch travel modes safely and reliably; and,
- Construct safer intersections for all travelers at the CO 52 and Airport Road, reducing congestion and eliminating conflict points.

Key to our region's economy and mobility, the CO 119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north. The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all. We look forward to a strong partnership between USDOT, Boulder County, CDOT, RTD, and our communities to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Brockett
Mayor

cc: Erika Vandenbrande, Director of Transportation and Mobility



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Longmont Economic Development Partnership is writing to voice our support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Our Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. Key to our region's economy and mobility, the CO 119 corridor links not only the communities of Longmont and Boulder but also serves commuters as far away as Weld County to the east and Larimer County to the north.

By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As we reckon with the impacts of climate change, we collectively seek transportation improvements that responsibly support our growth. The CO 119 Diagonal Project will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
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The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

With gratitude,

Jessica Erickson
President & CEO

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado State Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We the volunteer Community Advisory Committee for the CO 119 Bikeway Project are writing to share our support for Boulder County's 2022 RAISE grant request for its CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Located in Boulder County, between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont, Colorado Highway 119 (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal), is key to Colorado's economy and mobility. By the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially more crashes.

We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
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Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all.

Sincerely,

Curtis Walker, Community member who resides or works in or near Longmont
Maia Whitaker, Community member who resides or works in or near Boulder
Charles Musgrave, Recreational cyclist
Dan Seaton, Community member who resides or works in or near Niwot or Gunbarrel
Daniel Bodenstein, Business owner on or near the corridor that employs workers with transportation challenges
Greg Tantum, Cyclist who uses or crosses the corridor as part of their regular bike commute route

Morgan Lommele, Employee on or near the corridor who has transportation challenges commuting to work

Jennifer Shriver, Current public transit user along the corridor

Julie Aird, Individual with a mobility disability

Jesus Lopez, Equity Committee Liaison

7 de abril de 2022

Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretario de Transporte
Departamento de Transporte de los EE. UU.
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

ASUNTO: Solicitud de subvención RAISE 2022, Colorado State Highway 119 (CO 119), condado de Boulder

Estimado Sr. Secretario,

Nosotros, el Comité Asesor de Equidad, hispano hablantes de voluntarios, para el Proyecto de la Ciclopista CO 119, nos comunicamos con usted por esta vía a fin de compartir nuestro apoyo a la solicitud de subvención RAISE 2022 del Condado de Boulder, para sus Mejoras de Movilidad Diagonal CO 119: Conexión Segura de las Comunidades con el Proyecto de Movilidad y Tránsito Equitativo y Confiable (CO 119 Proyecto Diagonal).

Ubicada en el condado de Boulder, entre el centro de Boulder y el centro de Longmont, Colorado Highway 119 (conocida como CO 119 o Diagonal) esta iniciativa es clave para la economía y la movilidad de Colorado. Para el año 2040, se espera que el corredor experimente un aumento del 25% en tráfico vehicular. El aumento del tráfico podría resultar en una mayor congestión, retrasos, emisiones de tubos de escape y, potencialmente, un mayor número de accidentes.

Damos la acogida al proyecto CO 119 Diagonal, el cual:

- Creará una ventaja de tiempo para los usuarios del transporte público a través del servicio Autobuses de tránsito rápido (por sus siglas al inglés, *Bus Rapid Transit*, BRT), el cual incluye nuevas estaciones, carriles de desvío de colas de autobuses y señalización de tránsito, de modo que viajar en autobús tardará la mitad del tiempo de lo que tarda actualmente;
- Evitará, potencialmente, 425 accidentes vehiculares durante el ciclo de vida de 20 años del proyecto mediante la construcción de intersecciones más seguras para todos los viajeros en la ruta CO 52 y Airport Road; y,
- Desarrollará un sistema de transporte más equitativo y conectado mediante la integración de estaciones BRT, Park-n-Rides, cruces de peatones y un carril para bicicletas para que los miembros de la comunidad puedan cambiar el modo de desplazamiento de manera segura y confiable.

La solicitud de subvención RAISE de \$25 millones será aprovechada por fondos estatales, locales y regionales para completar el programa de \$124 millones planificado para el corredor.

Gracias por considerar la solicitud de subvención RAISE 2022 para el proyecto CO 119 Diagonal del condado de Boulder. Seguridad primero. Equidad siempre. Conexiones para todos.

Le saludan muy atentamente,

Jesus Lopez

Anita Speirs

Luz Garcia

Rosalba Paulick

Guadalupe Hernandez

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado State Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We the Spanish Language Volunteer Equity Advisory Committee for the CO 119 Bikeway Project are writing to share our support for Boulder County's 2022 RAISE grant request for its CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Located in Boulder County, between downtown Boulder and downtown Longmont, Colorado Highway 119 (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal), is key to Colorado's economy and mobility. By the year 2040, the corridor is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. Increased traffic can result in more congestion, delay, tailpipe emissions, and potentially more crashes.

We welcome the CO 119 Diagonal Project, which will:

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The \$25M RAISE grant request will be leveraged by state, local, and regional funding to complete the \$124M program planned for the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. Safety first. Equity always. Connections for all.

Le saluda atentamente,

Jesus Lopez
Anita Speirs
Luz Garcia
Rosalba Paulick
Guadalupe Hernandez

March 29, 2022



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Bicycle Colorado is Colorado's statewide bicycle advocacy organization, representing the voices of 2.3 million bicyclists in Colorado. We are writing to voice our support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project) 2022 RAISE Grant.

Bicycle Colorado envisions a Colorado where riding a bicycle is always safe and convenient for everyone, where bicycling is the top choice for recreation and everyday trips, and where the benefits of bicycling are experienced and valued by all people in our state. As we navigate unprecedented growth and effects from climate change, we seek active transportation improvements that safe, accessible, reliable bicycling and pedestrian travel. We support the CO 119 Diagonal Project between Boulder and Longmont because it is located in one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By 2040, CO 119 will see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic.

The project has many benefits. It will:

- Create a time advantage for transit users through Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, including new stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, so travel by bus takes half the time it currently does;
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Sincerely,

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Pete Piccolo
Executive Director



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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As advocates for the use of bicycles for safe, sustainable transportation and self-sufficiency, Community Cycles is excited to voice our support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

Our Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado. By the year 2040, Colorado Highway 119 between Boulder and Longmont (known as CO 119 or the Diagonal) is expected to see a 25% increase in vehicular traffic. As we rebuild from the Marshall Fire and reckon with the impacts of climate change, we collectively seek transit and active transportation improvements that reduce our reliance on private vehicles by improving safety, accessibility, and reliability of other travel modes.

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Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Appreciatively,

Sue Prant
Executive Director



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project 2022 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As a community of cyclists who partner with our communities to develop safety, educational, and social initiatives to create a positive experience for all users of our roads and bikeways, Cyclists 4 Community 501(c)(3) is excited to voice our support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

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Thank you for your consideration of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Project. We look forward to working together to improve safety, provide more reliable and equitable mobility options, and promote economic prosperity for all.

Appreciatively,
Matt Muir, Operations Manager
Cyclists 4 Community, 501(c)(3)
matt@c4community.org

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: 2022 RAISE Grant Application, Colorado Highway 119 (CO 119), Boulder County

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

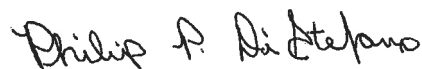
The University of Colorado Boulder is pleased to provide this letter in support of the 2022 RAISE grant application for Boulder County's CO 119 Diagonal Mobility Improvements: Safely Connecting Communities with Reliable, Equitable Transit & Mobility Project (CO 119 Diagonal Project).

CU Boulder is proud to support this grant application for a number of reasons. First and foremost is our commitment to the safety and accessibility of travel for our students, faculty, and staff, many of whom already use CO 119 to get to and from campus. We also recognize the importance of climate action and environmental sustainability, and this proposal to expand our multi-modal transportation in our region is important to this effort.

The University has keen interest in the SH 119 corridor because of its significant use by faculty, staff, and students, and because of the University's support for a more sustainable transportation future more broadly in the northwest region. Providing improved transit and access for these students and employees, many who can't afford the cost of living in Boulder, will be key to addressing transportation equity gaps in the region.

There is great need, therefore, for this CO 119 Diagonal Project. The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations, bus queue bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, will not only be more cost effective for everyone, but will cut travel time in half, making transit commute times competitive with personal automobiles. Integrating these with Park-n-Rides, pedestrian crossings, and a commuter bikeway will allow community members to use multiple travel modes more effectively if they so choose. Safer intersections at CO 52 and Airport Road will reduce congestion and also keep our Boulder family safe. As was proven by the award-winning US 36 Express Lanes Project that connects Denver and Boulder, a project built around BRT with regional collaboration and an innovative funding model can achieve significant success in a short amount of time. The 2022 RAISE grant will help us achieve similar outcomes that will transform the region for the better.

Sincerely,



Phil DiStefano
Chancellor, University of Colorado Boulder