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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for Front Range Passenger Rail District's Application to join the Corridor Identification and Development Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express support for the Front Range Passenger Rail District (FRPRD) and the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) application to join the Federal Rail Administration's new Corridor Identification and Development Program (CIDP). This is a historic opportunity to further the vision and implementation of a high-quality passenger rail system to connect communities along Colorado's Front Range.

By 2050, three million new people are expected to live and travel across the Front Range. Colorado needs integrated multimodal travel options to reduce traveler dependence on Single Occupancy Vehicles, increase transportation system capacity, reduce congestion, and advance environmental, economic and equity goals.

Inclusion into the CIDP will enable significant advancement of the passenger rail project. The funding will be used to design, build, and improve rail infrastructure within the FRPRD corridor. Federal funding will help to solidify partnerships with passenger rail operators and freight rail companies to identify expedient, affordable, and sustainable rail options in the corridor.

CIDP inclusion is a crucial step to developing new inter-city rail in Colorado. I respectfully request that you consider the application favorably so Colorado can advance this regionally significant program.

Sincerely,

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress