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February 22nd, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I would like to express my support for Boulder County's application to the 2023 RAISE grant for the CO 119 Diagonal Project.

The CO 119 corridor links the communities of Longmont and Boulder while also serving commuters as far away as Weld, and Larimer Counties. The Northwest metro area community is one of the fastest growing areas of Colorado, and as our state improves resiliency to wildfires and reckons with the impacts of climate change, we seek to make transit and active transportation improvements that increase commuting options and improve safety, accessibility, and reliability of critical transportation corridors.

This project would reduce commute times by improving the Bus Rapid Transit service, including new stations, bypass lanes, and transit-only signalization, cutting bus commutes in half. This project also has the potential to significantly reduce vehicular crashes over the life cycle of the project by constructing safer intersections for all travelers at the CO 52 and Airport Road. The project will 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 \$155M program planned for the corridor.

I ask for full and fair consideration of Boulder County's application to the 2023 RAISE grant. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress