# Appendix B Letters of Support

These letters were obtained for an MPDG grant submittal and are applicable to the RAISE submittal as well.

# CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2023

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF THE GREELEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT FUNDING AND FINANCING APPLICATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A REGIONAL MOBILITY HUB INTEGRATED WITH PROPOSED INTERCHANGES AT US HIGHWAY 34 ON 35<sup>TH</sup> AND 47<sup>TH</sup> AVENUES IN THE CITY OF GREELEY

**WHEREAS,** the Greeley City Council has identified the construction of the regional mobility hub integrated with the proposed interchanges at US Highway 34 on 35<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenues (MERGE) project as a high priority due to the need for integrated regional mobility hub and two of the region's busiest and most dangerous intersections on a regional significant corridor and two major street corridors in the City of Greeley; and

**WHEREAS,** From 2010 to 2020, the population of the Greeley metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which spans all of Weld County, increased from 252,825 to 328,981 people and this 30.1% increase makes it the fastest-growing metro area in Colorado and the fourth fastest-growing metro area in the country and in the City of Greeley, 96% of this growth was among people of color and the median age in Greeley is 31.5 years old, significantly lower than the national average of 38 years old and, 50% of the jobs in Weld County are located in City of Greeley; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Greeley recognizes the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining quality of life, and local and regional mobility; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Greeley has committed \$31.5 million in matching funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation provides numerous grant and other financing opportunities to reduce the burden for state and local applicants and increase the pipeline of "shovel-worthy" projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greeley desires to participate in these funding opportunities to construct the MERGE project to deliver a diversified multimodal transit-oriented transportation for users of the US Highway 34, the City of Greeley, the region at large; and the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department in partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation will provide adequate oversight for the project should the funds be awarded.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO:

<u>Section 1</u>: The City Council demonstrates its support for the submittal of funding applications to the United States Department of Transportation to construct the MERGE Project in the City of Greeley

<u>Section 2</u>: This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 15th day of AUGUST 2023.

ATTEST



THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO

110 By: City Clerk

**By: Mayor** 

# United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

August 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write in support of the application submitted by the City of Greeley (Greeley) to the U.S. Department of Transportation for discretionary funding from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity. If selected, Greeley will advance the construction of the Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity (MERGE) project and continue collaboration with the Colorado Department of Transportation to improve mobility locally and regionally.

Located on the U.S. Highway 34 Bypass, the MERGE project is a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region that runs through the heart of Greeley. With MPDG funds, Greeley will construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenues, two of the City's busiest and most dangerous intersections. The MERGE project will bring diversified multimodal transportation options for users of Highway 34, Greeley residents, and the region at large.

Greeley's proposal will provide improvements to mobility, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. We encourage you to give the application submitted by the City of Greeley your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our offices of any funds awarded.

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Michael F. Bennet United State Senator

John Hickenlooper United States Senator



COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

# **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515

August 5, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project, serving as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues - two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections - to bring forward the delivery of diversified, multimodal transportation methods for users of Highway 34, the City of Greeley and the region at large. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility, significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

I am enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining the quality of life and continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the city of Greeley's application.

Sincerely,

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Yadira Caraveo, M.D. Member of Congress

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August 14, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Support for US Highway 34 Bypass MERGE Project - INFRA 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Greeley's Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity (MERGE) project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues- two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multimodal transportation methods for users of the Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

While this project is not part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) 10 year plan, I am enthusiastically in support of the improvements this project will provide. Like the City of Greeley, I recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving and maintaining quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Jared Polis Governor State of Colorado

#### Kevin Priola State Senator

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

August 16, 2023

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I am enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, I recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

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Senator Kevin Priola Senate District 13

State Representative MARY YOUNG Colorado State Capitol 200 East Colfax Ave., Room 331 Denver, Colorado 80203 Capitol: 303-866-2929 Email: mary.young.house@coleg.gov



Vice-Chair: Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee Member: Education Committee

#### COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES State Capitol Denver 80203

August 18, 2023

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

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region, which runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues - two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multimodal transportation methods for users of the Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large.

The MERGE project offers a range of benefits to the community. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

I am enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, I recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

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Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Mary Young

Mary Young, Ph.D. State Representative House District 50

State Representative RYAN ARMAGOST Colorado State Capitol 200 East Colfax Avenue, Room 307 Denver, Colorado 80203 Office: 303-866-2906 Email: ryan.armagost.house@coleg.gov



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#### COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES State Capitol Denver 80203

August 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

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I am enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, I recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

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> Ryan Armagost State Representative House District 64



December 5, 2022

Ms. Shoshana Lew Executive Director Colorado Department of Transportation 2829 West Howard Place, Suite 562 Denver, Colorado 80204

Dear Ms. Lew:

I am writing to support the NFRMPO's application for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Seed Funding Grant for the US34 Transportation Management Organization (TMO). This application is the result of a regional effort from elected officials and staff.

The US34 TMO project achieves two of the NFRMPO's Planning Council goals for 2022: developing a regional TDM program and establishing a TMO. On December 1, 2022, the Planning Council adopted the first TDM Action Plan for the region in the last decade. A key recommendation is to establish and support a TMO within the region. The Planning Council will support this endeavor by setting aside Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Options Funds (MMOF) up to \$75,000 matched with \$37,500 in local funds. This grant would provide the remaining local match requirement.

TDM is a key strategy for achieving greenhouse gas reductions in the <u>2045 Regional Transportation Plan</u> (<u>RTP</u>) <u>2022 Update</u>. Implementing TDM will require additional staff capacity, beyond what current local, regional, and state staff can provide. Establishing, supporting, and staffing the TMO along this key tourism, commuting, and freight corridor will benefit the communities, visitors, and residents alike.

To hit the ground running, the NFRMPO will contract with an individual to run the TMO in partnership with the US34 Coalition. The US34 Coalition is an existing group of elected officials along the corridor with adopted bylaws, standing meetings, and regional support.

Please feel free to follow up with any questions.

Sincerely,

Suzette Mallette Digitally signed by Suzette Mallette Date: 2022.12.05 11:00:57-07:00

Suzette Mallette Executive Director



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May 11, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express our full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region, that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues- two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multi-modal transportation methods for users of Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large. The project will provide much-needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

The CASTA Board enthusiastically supports this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

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Dawn Block CASTA Board President



May 17, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this innovative project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region of Colorado, that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues- two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multimodal transportation methods for users of the Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need. Furthermore, the City of Loveland envisions the US-34 Mobility Hub connecting with Loveland's Centerra (I-25) Mobility Hub to service this key transportation corridor into the future.

City of Loveland Public Works supports this project as a key element of future regional transit connectivity. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

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Mark A. Jackson City of Loveland Public Works Director



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May 12, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region, that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues- two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multimodal transportation methods for users of the Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

The City of Evans enthusiastically supports this project. Our community lies adjacent to and just to the south of the City of Greeley. We provide funding and our residents benefit greatly from the Greeley-Evans Transit service. The new mobility hub would truly be a regional project that will improve access to both local and regional transit service and other modes of transportation in this fastest-growing metro area in Colorado. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely.

Mark C. Clark Mayor



May 9, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

### Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity City of Greeley - Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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Over the past twenty-five years, the North Front Range MPO has spent significant resources to improve mobility, increase transit and bike use and connect the region in a more sustainable way. The proposed mobility hub in Greeley is a large portion of our efforts in Northern Colorado.

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The Town of Windsor enthusiastically supports this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Regards,

Paul Renneme (May 9, 2022 15:51 MDT) Mayor Paul Rennemeyer

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May 9, 2022

#### HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG

1200 New Jersey Ave SE

Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

Hello Mr. Buttigieg,

I am writing to express our full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

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We are enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy which includes the greater Kersey area.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely, C. Magan

Christian Morgan, Kersey Town Manager



May 12, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

#### RE: Support for MERGE (Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity) in Greeley, Colorado

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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I am enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Bianca Fisher, Executive Director

Greeley Downtown Development Authority 802 9th Street, Ste. 100, Greeley CO 80631 (970) 356-6775//www.greeleydowntown.com



May 13, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

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We are enthusiastically in support of this project. Transportation is a key policy priority for the Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce and like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

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Jaime Henning, CCE President & CEO, Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce & the Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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Facilities and Operations | Executive Director | 5401 West 20th Street | Greeley, Colorado 80632

April 28, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE- Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity- Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express **Aims Community Colleges'** full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region, that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35th and 47th Avenues- two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multimodal transportation methods for users of the Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

**Aims Community College is** enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

Aims Community College prides itself in serving the norther Colorado region and beyond. Improving corridor mobility benefits us all.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely

Michael W. Millsapps, CFM - Executive Director/Chief Facilities Officer



#### Greeley-Evans | Weld County School District 6 Office of the Superintendent 1025 NINTH AVENUE GREELEY, COLORADO 80631 970-348-6000 WWW.GREELEYSCHOOLS.ORG

May 16, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

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A significant number of students in Greeley-Evans School District 6 use the Greeley-Evans Transit system to travel to and from school every day. The City of Greeley provides free transportation to our students and has worked with the school district to ensure routes are available to students who need to access this service. This is an invaluable service for our students and families, some of whom have no other source of transportation. The City of Greeley has been a significant partner to Greeley-Evans School District 6 and we are grateful for their continued support.

There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demands, and the City of Greeley's MERGE project meets that need. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and increasingly sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving and maintaining quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy. I am enthusiastically in support of this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dendre Pier

Dr. Deirdre Pilch, Superintendent, Greeley-Evans School District 6

District 6 engages every student in a personalized, well-rounded and excellent education, preparing students to be college and career ready.



United Way of Weld County mission statement: To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community.

May 2022

Hon. Secretary Pete Buttigieg 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: MERGE-Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity - Letter of Support

Dear Hon. Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express our full support for the City of Greeley's MERGE project and corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The award of discretionary funding will advance the construction of this desperately needed project that will serve as a catalyst for mobility improvements both locally and regionally.

The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, a vital east/west corridor in the North Front Range region that runs through the heart of Greeley. The project would construct a regional mobility hub that integrates with the proposed interchanges on 35<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenues – two of Greeley's busiest and most dangerous intersections to bring forward the delivery of diversified multimodal transportation methods for users of the Highway 34, the City of Greeley, and the region at large. The project will provide much needed improvements to mobility; significant improvements to greenhouse gas emissions; and facilitate the efficient movement of people, goods, and services in the region. There is a need for innovative mobility solutions to serve local and regional demand, and this project meets that need.

We are enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving and maintaining quality of life and the continued growth of the local and regional economy.

United Way of Weld County works to improve the lives of people in our community. We partner with the City of Greeley on multiple projects that impact our most vulnerable residents. We support their dedication to the health, safety and well-being of our community and all our residents.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Truswell President & CEO United Way of Weld County

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April 28, 2022

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Attracting talent to the region is a key driver of our business and enhancing the mobility of the workforce is of great importance to Hensel Phelps and our local partners.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely, Chritte

Michael J. Choutka President & CEO

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May 15, 2022

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The US Highway 34 Bypass project represents a great opportunity to allow for safer and more effective movement of people and goods in the region. Investment in the project will allow for Northern Colorado communities to move forward in way that we desperately need.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely, Comme Van

Garrett Varra President, Varra Companies, Inc.

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As a lifelong citizen of Greeley, I know that the proposed changes will also reduce the possibility of accidents, saving the lives of countless people moving forward. This project is truly in the best interest of all parties involved.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Sincerely

Bryan M. Guest Market President II – Northern Colorado

