

Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth & Equity (MERGE) Project

Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) Grant Application May 2024

MERGE Project Highlights:

- To date, the project has received multiple “Highly Recommended” and “Medium-High” ratings from previous RAISE and MPDG pursuits.
- The 35th & 47th Avenue crossings in the project are used heavily by students and families walking, rolling, and biking.
- The 35th & 47th Avenue interchanges would realize immediate safety benefits by reducing approximately 40% of the crashes through the elimination of signals at the at-grade section.
- Given the asset lives of major elements of the project, approximately \$6M in discounted residual value benefits will be delivered.
- The 2050 population forecast for the state is 7.48M, with 6.3M along the Front Range (Greeley’s region), or 85% of the total population.
- The project will increase travel time reliability for freight movement through the City of Greeley.
- Construction will result in the creation of 1,000 job years.
- A reduction of 40% of air pollutants is expected as a result of the project.
- GHG emission reductions will result in a benefit of \$6,957,000 for a 7% discount rate over 20-years.
- School bus service is not provided within 3 miles of high schools or 2 miles of middle schools in the district, making walkability and the public transit heavily used by students.
- The entire micro-transit fleet will be 100% powered through solar arrays located at the mobility hub.
- The project is expected to have an Individual Categorical Exclusion (ICE).





This Letter was obtained February 22, 2024 as part of the RAISE grant pursuit for the same project.

February 22, 2024

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

RE: Support for the City of Greeley's **MERGE** RAISE Grant Application

Dear Hon. Secretary Buttigieg:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the City of Greeley to request funding and support from the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application for the **Mobility Expansion for Regional Growth and Equity (MERGE)** project.

The City of Greeley is the county seat of Weld County with a population of median age of 31.5 years. From 2010 to 2020, the population of Weld County grew 30.1% making it the fastest-growing county in Colorado and fourth-fastest-growing metro area in the country. Most of this growth in Weld County is within the Greeley Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Of the increase in Greeley, 96% were people of color. **As the region considers what future mobility should look like, we must focus on solutions that include and appeal to our unique and existing demographics.**

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 innovative multi-modal transportation solutions to meet local and regional demands. 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.

The project's completion will have a significant impact on the City of Greeley's residents, visitors, and small businesses. These outcomes will ensure the City of Greeley is focusing on their existing demographics and creating connections to jobs and improving their quality of life.

I believe the project aligns with the RAISE grant's guidelines. The City of Greeley will use local, state, and federal funding to cover the project costs with no more than 80% of the total project funds coming from federal funding.

If you have any questions or need further information from me, please contact me at Raymond.lee@greeleygov.com.

Sincerely,

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Raymond C. Lee III
City Manager

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 35TH
AND 47TH 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 35th and 47th 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:

Section 1: 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

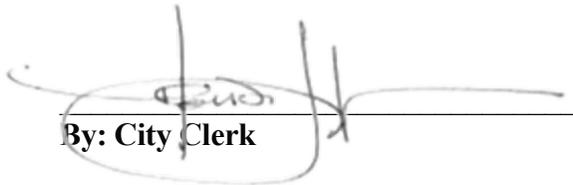
Section 2: This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the City Council.

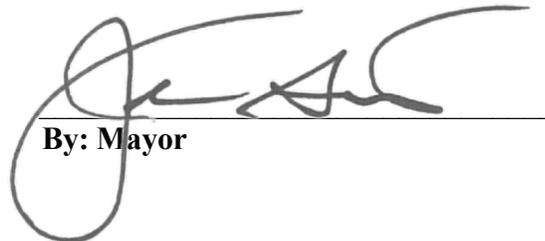
PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 15th day of AUGUST 2023.

ATTEST

THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO




By: City Clerk


By: Mayor



COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Region 4

May 3, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in reference to the City of Greeley's Mobility Enhancements for Regional Growth and Equity (MERGE) project and the corresponding Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding application. The project is located on US Highway 34 Bypass, an 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 highway 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. CDOT continues to work collaboratively with the City of Greeley to ensure the optimization and success of a transportation solution for area residents.

CDOT supports running this project through the 1601 process, similar to FHWA Interstate Access Request (IAR), which is required for all locally proposed interchange projects that access state highways. This upcoming process will evaluate, among other things, a system level study and a Travel Demand Management (TDM) plan that incorporates the city's future transit and micro mobility plans to meet goals of the 1601 to limit vehicular miles traveled when new capacity, such as an interchange, is added to a state highway system.

We appreciate the city's ongoing work to improve on the original plans for these interchanges, which initially only addressed safety and operational improvements, and are working to incorporate alternative modes including transit, pedestrian access and micro mobility.

Sincerely,

**Heather
Paddock**

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Heather Paddock
Region 4 Transportation Director, Colorado Department of Transportation



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 35th and 47th 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.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United State Senator



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, 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

JARED POLIS
GOVERNOR



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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.

Sincerely,

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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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Priola".

Senator Kevin Priola
Senate District 13

State Representative
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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,

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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.

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

Sincerely,

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

State Representative
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August 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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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.

Sincerely,

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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 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2022 Update. 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,

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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.

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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.

Sincerely,

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Dawn Block
CASTA Board President



CITY OF LOVELAND
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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.

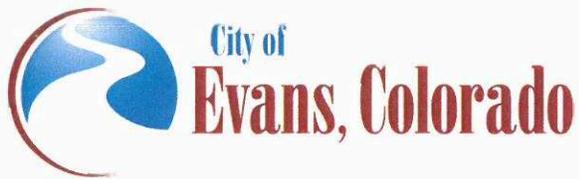
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City of Loveland Public Works supports this project as a key element of future regional transit connectivity. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is 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.

Sincerely,

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

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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,

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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

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



May 9, 2022

HON. SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG

1200 New Jersey Ave SE

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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,

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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

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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,

Bianca Fisher,
Executive Director



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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jaime Henning'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

Margo Karsten, Board Chair, Banner Health
Leah Bornstein, AIMS Community College
Mark Bradley, Realtec
Brad Darby, Cintas Corporation
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Judy Hicks, Anderson & Whitney
Lisa Hudson, SBDC
Aimee Hutson, Aunt Helen's Coffee
Jason Jones, Adams State Bank
Dr. Diedre Pilch, Greeley Evans School District 6
Roger Ramirez, Weld County Garage
Collin Richardson, Rich mark
Jared Salas, State Farm
Marilyn Schock, UC Health
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Scott Werner, Connecting Point
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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.

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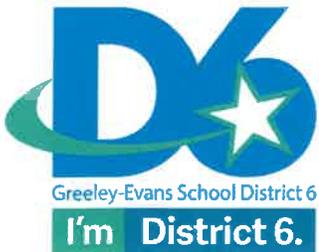
Aims Community College is enthusiastically in support of this project. Like the City of Greeley, we recognize that the provision of safer, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation infrastructure is critical to improving, and maintaining, quality of life and the continued growth of the local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



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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,

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



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

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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.

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,

Handwritten signature of Jeannine Truswell in blue ink.

Jeannine Truswell
President & CEO
United Way of Weld County



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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 Hensel Phelps' 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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Hensel Phelps 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.

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,

Michael J. Choutka
President & CEO

May 15, 2022

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

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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.

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,



Garrett Varra

President, Varra Companies, Inc.

April 28, 2022

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

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I enthusiastically support 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.

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

