



June 20, 2018

Transportation Commission and
Executive Director Michael Lewis
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 South Arkansas Avenue
Denver, CO 80201

RE: Statement of Support for Northwest Regional Transportation Projects

In February of this year, the Northwest Chamber Alliance wrote to express support for the list of priority projects for the northwest Denver region you received in a February 15 letter from the US 36 Mayors and Commissioners Coalition (MCC). We further addressed this issue in a follow-up meeting at the State Capitol with CDOT Executive Director Michael Lewis on April 24 and in the attached Principles of Support document. We renew our appeal for prioritization of key northwest area transportation projects today and specifically ask that you include them on the list of priority projects the Transportation Commission will discuss. Put simply, investment in these projects is essential to meeting the workforce and commercial mobility needs of the northwest Denver region.

As representatives of businesses in Boulder and Broomfield Counties, we see every day how the failure of our transportation network to keep up with the state's growth is affecting our economy and quality of life. The MCC's transportation project list begins to address the full spectrum of needs in our region's transportation system, including highways, local roads, public transit, bicycle infrastructure and pedestrian improvements. To that end, our coalition wants to ensure the Transportation Commission recognizes this and dedicates priority funding to these regional projects through Tier 1 designation. We look forward to receiving that assurance from CDOT as we evaluate support for various statewide transportation funding options.

Thank you for your consideration of this input and please contact us if there are questions you have regarding the specific commercial and workforce mobility needs for Denver's northwest region.

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About the Northwest Chamber Alliance

The Northwest Chamber Alliance was formed in 2016 as a coalition focused on regional issues that impact economic vitality and quality of life. It is currently comprised of the Boulder Chamber, the Latino Chamber of Boulder County, Access Broomfield Chamber, the Superior Chamber of Commerce and the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, representing approximately 2,800 businesses and 128,000 employees. These businesses range from large international corporations to small businesses, startups, nonprofits and public institutions. For more information on the NWCA, please contact Andrea Meneghel, Public Affairs Director for the Boulder Chamber, (303) 938-2077 or andrea.meneghel@boulderchamber.com.

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April 24, 2018

The Northwest Chamber Alliance offers its support to improve regional mobility and travel in our communities in order to support the economic functions of the Northwest Denver metro area. As many weigh in on solutions, the Northwest Chamber Alliance offers the following principles of support for the transportation infrastructure priorities for our region.

Northwest Chamber Alliance Principles of Support – Statewide Transportation Funding

- There must be significant additional funding added to the state budget for spending on transportation improvements on an annual basis.
- Funding allocations must be shared with multi-modal projects to expand our range of transportation solutions and in order to secure broad regional support amongst our local governments and various communities.
- The clause in Senate Bill 18-001 that prohibits spending funds on managed lanes or public-private partnerships must be removed.
- The entire US 36 Mayors and Commissioners priority project list for the northwest Denver region is supported by the Northwest Chamber Alliance and must be included in the Colorado Department of Transportation's priority project list in order to provide us with confidence that our communities will receive sufficient benefit from a state-wide funding initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of this input and please contact us if there are questions regarding the specific mobility solutions for our region's businesses.

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