

Appendix A

Letters of Support



October 13, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street) improvements

Dear Secretary Chao,

I support for the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for \$20 million to improve Indiana Street (State Highway 72). The project will eliminate a crucial constriction by rebuilding the Union Pacific railroad underpass allowing for widening the road for a 3/4mile stretch between West 80th Avenue to West 86th Avenue. The City in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Department of Transportation brings \$5 million in matching funds. Of this amount, \$2 million is from developer impact fees, an estimated \$500,000 is from right-of-way and developer improvements, and CDOT has pledged a \$750,000 contribution.

The City has long supported improvements in the area in projects ranging from the Jefferson Parkway to intersection improvements at Indiana Street and West 72nd Avenue. This area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly; daily traffic on Indiana Street has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor. This project has the support of area residents and Jefferson County. Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,

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Ryan Stachelski
Executive Director
Arvada Economic Development Association



October 10, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter a sign of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's strong support for the TIGER grant application by the City of Arvada to widen State Highway 72 (Indiana St). The requested funding will enable the reconstruction of an antiquated railroad bridge and address inadequate traffic flow on this state highway as the region continues to see continued growth and development.

This application demonstrates an impressive partnership between the City of Arvada, Jefferson County, and the Colorado Department of Transportation. The proposed improvements to the railroad bridge and widening of this critical stretch of highway will expedite complete widening of this highway, which is a critical connection for national, regional, and local economic interests. The widening of this corridor will allow for needed commercial, industrial, and residential land uses.

This project has profound regional importance, as it will connect this economically growing region to the Denver metropolitan beltway, known at highway C-470. This beltway has been completed in portions circling the metropolitan area in the last 15 years. The final section that will complete the beltway, known as the Jefferson Parkway, is directly north of this stretch and will intersect with SH-72 approximately 1.2 miles from the proposed improvements. This includes a ten mile link between SH 93 and SH 128. The Jefferson Parkway will improve mobility for the western metro region, and connect to the entire metro region. Currently, the Jefferson Parkway is in final environmental review for its interchanges to three state highways while also examining future traffic growth through 2040. A one time, critical investment in widening SH 72 will complement the opening of the Jefferson Parkway and expand economic opportunity for this entire region.

On behalf of the entire Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors we truly appreciate your consideration. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Michael McCarron
Chairman of the Board



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October 12, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Colorado State Highway 72 (Indiana Street) TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the Mayor of the City of Arvada, I am pleased to submit this letter regarding our TIGER grant application behalf of the entire City Council. The proposed project will eliminate a major bottleneck on a regional roadway and widen Colorado State Highway 72 (Indiana Street) between W. 80th Avenue and W. 86th Parkway.

The State Highway 72/Indiana Street corridor is an important transportation route serving rural and urbanizing portions of northwest Arvada and Jefferson County. In addition, our partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Jefferson County will leverage additional funds to reconstruct a decaying Union Pacific railroad bridge should we receive this grant. Together, we can benefit the freight rail transportation system as well as the highway system with one project.

It's worth noting that this project complements ongoing city, private sector, and county transportation investments. The movement of people and goods on our railways as well as our highways are important to the American economy. Widening of the State Highway 72/Indiana Street corridor will serve our residential community as well as the commercial, industrial, retail and civic land-uses situated along the corridor. The route also connects to a planned metropolitan beltway and serves traffic accessing the Rocky Mountain Regional Airport in Jefferson County. The City of Arvada and Jefferson County are actively investing in improvements to the north and south of the project location. Without this project, this economic corridor will continue to have a pinch point and will remain congested.

Arvada's widening project lines up with the intent of the TIGER program and has a significant positive impact to our residents, businesses, and visitors. The positive regional impact is multiplied by the reconstruction of the decaying Union Pacific railroad bridge which will benefit freight rail transportation that will reach far beyond Arvada.

For these reasons, we urge your strong consideration for a full award of the TIGER grant application as described herein.

Sincerely,

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Marc Williams
Mayor

Cc: City Council



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TIGER grant review team
United States Department of Transportation

Dear TIGER grant review team,

I am writing to support the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for the proposed roadway widening project along Indiana Street between 82nd Avenue and 86th Parkway located in Arvada, Colorado.

In years past, Indiana Street between 82nd Avenue and 86th Parkway was a roadway that saw moderate levels of traffic. For years, Indiana as it is currently configured was capable of handling the traffic volume. However, several years ago, major development began all around the area of Indiana Street between 82nd Avenue and 86th Parkway and points north and west of 86th Parkway that have now placed significant volume demands on Indiana. The main issue with Indiana in this area is the fact that the roadway is a narrow, two lane roadway. Additionally, there is a railroad bridge that is old, narrow, and dangerous for the current volume of traffic traveling through this area.

The Arvada Police Department receives frequent complaints from residents and commuters about the traffic volume and the lack of capacity for Indiana to handle the traffic volume, and they seek solutions from the police department to address the traffic volume issues. In addition to these complaints, Arvada Police officers use Indiana to traverse the area north and south as Indiana is one of a few roadways that allow travel through the west portion of the city to points north and south. Due to the heavy volume of traffic and the narrow travel lanes, emergency response is impacted because officers cannot pass on the left of traffic due to oncoming traffic. Additionally, there is so little shoulder that drivers cannot move to the right to clear the roadway for emergency vehicles. This creates a situation where officers cannot use emergency equipment to get through this area because doing so creates a greater hazard for motorists. Emergency response suffers as a result.

This project will allow Indiana to be widened to a four lane roadway separated by a median, as well as, reconstruct the railroad bridge which is narrow, old, and dangerous to motorists. This project will create the opportunity for motorists, public transportation, and public safety to more easily and safely drive this area of the city, and will provide space for motorists to safely yield to public safety emergency vehicles. In addition, the 4 lane roadway will improve the volume capacity of the roadway making Indiana a much safer route for motorists who drive and live in this area.

I am fully supportive of this project, and strongly recommend to the grant review committee that they approve the funding for this project and fix this problematic and dangerous roadway. Should you have any questions for me about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Don A. Wick
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October 6th, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: State Highway 72 TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

Please accept this letter as a sign of the Arvada Transportation Advisory Committee's strong support for the TIGER grant application by the City of Arvada to widen Indiana Street/State Highway 72. The Transportation Advisory Committee appointed by Arvada City Council, is composed of 11 citizens of the City of Arvada who are interested and have knowledge and offering public participation in transportation issues. Our charge is to advise City Council on transportation issues of importance to the citizens of Arvada.

Last year The Transportation Advisory Committee began a study to determine and prioritize those transportation corridors in the City in need of widening. We agreed on 11 criteria to be used in our evaluations three of which were existing volume/capacity, proposed volume/capacity ratio, and cost per mile. We looked at five transportation corridors under congestion stress and overwhelmingly Indiana Street/Hwy 72 came out as the most in need of widening in the city. The Union Pacific bridge which crosses over Indiana St./State Highway 72 is a particular bottleneck along this stretch of roadway limiting traffic throughput to 2 lanes due to the narrowness of the railroad overpass. This creates a pinch point at this location. Additionally, the City of Arvada is actively working to connect the C-470 Beltway around the Denver Metropolitan Area which will serve not only Arvada but western portions of the Denver Metro area. The northwestern portion of the C-470 beltway is presently missing and Indiana St. /State Highway 72 will connect with this beltway when completed.

Jefferson County, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the City of Arvada are partnering in this grant application to leverage dollars to alleviate this problem. Additionally, the award of this grant would assist the Denver Metropolitan region by increasing accessibility for the western portion of the Denver Metro Area.

On behalf of the Arvada Transportation Advisory Committee, we are very hopeful that this partnership will be a recipient of a TIGER Grant and look forward to improved mobility for Arvada citizens and others throughout the Denver Metropolitan Region. Thank you for your consideration.



Terri Binder
Chairman
Arvada Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee



October 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as sign of **Bike Friendly Arvada's** solid support for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application by the City of Arvada to widen State Highway 72 (Indiana St). The requested funding will enable the reconstruction of an antiquated railroad bridge and address inadequate traffic flow on this state highway as the region continues to see continued growth and development. We are especially excited about have on-street bike lanes in both directions as well as sidewalks/trails on either side of Indiana Street.

The City of Arvada and Jefferson County have been working to eliminate car, bike and pedestrian bottlenecks in this corridor; the proposed project is the most expensive and disruptive bottleneck along this corridor, and the infusion of TIGER funding will expedite improvements to this growing economic corridor. Currently the only other corridor north to get across the railroad tracks is a ten mile detour west to RT 93 or five mile detour east to Simms Street.

This project has profound regional importance, as it will connect this economically growing region to the Denver metropolitan beltway, known at highway C-470. This beltway has been completed in portions circling the metropolitan area in the last 15 years. The final section that will complete the beltway, known as the Jefferson Parkway, is directly north of this stretch and will intersect with SH-72 approximately 1.2 miles from the proposed improvements. This includes a ten mile link between SH 93 and SH 128. The Jefferson Parkway will improve mobility for the western metro region, and connect to the entire metro region. Currently, the Jefferson Parkway is in final environmental review for its interchanges to three state highways while also examining future traffic growth through 2040. A one time, critical investment in widening SH 72 will complement the opening of the Jefferson Parkway and expand economic opportunity for this entire region.

Thank you,

William A. Orchard

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Family and Recreational Ride Coordinator
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Arvada Bike Advisory Committee



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October 9, 2017

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Transportation Policy
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US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: Support for Arvada's Tiger Grant Application to Widen a Section of Indiana Street

Dear Assistant Secretary:

Bike Jeffco, the Jefferson County Colorado bicycle advocacy organization, strongly supports the Tiger Grant application by the City of Arvada to widen State Highway 72 (Indiana St) between W 80th Ave and W 86th Pkwy and construct other important features. The requested funding will enable the reconstruction of an antiquated railroad bridge and address inadequate traffic flow on this state highway as well as improve the level of safety for both drivers and cyclists.

The roadway widening project will transform the 2-lane narrow roadway to a median separated 4-lane roadway that includes on-street bike lanes in both directions as well as 6.5' - 8' trails on both sides of Indiana Street. This section of Indiana has not only represented a bottle neck for vehicle traffic, but it also is a hazardous pinch point for cyclists in which cyclists are forced to share limited roadway space with cars. This often results in cyclists being passed by cars at high speed and at less than a 3' distance. This route has regional bike route significance as it acts as a connector with trails, designated routes and important destinations.

Completing the proposed project would be a major safety improvement, and is fully compliant with the criteria of the TIGER Grant for safety, quality of life, environmental sustainability, and partnership. Therefore, we fully endorse and support the grant application of the City of Arvada.

Sincerely,

Dave Evans
Bike Jeffco – Chairman

WILLIAM J. FORTUNE

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Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao

US Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Ave SE

Washington, DC 20590

RE : City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application Highway72

Indiana Street improvements

Dear Secretary Chao:

I support the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for \$20 million to improve Indiana Street (State Highway 72) .

The project will eliminate a crucial constriction by rebuilding the Union Pacific railroad underpass allowing for widening Indiana Street for a 3/4 mile stretch between West 80th Ave and West 86th Ave.

The City in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Dept. of Transportation brings \$5 million in Matching funds.

The City has long supported improvements in the area. This area in Arvada is growing rapidly, daily traffic on Indiana St. has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety

along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor.

This project has the support of area residents, Jefferson County, and area property owners, including myself.

Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,

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William J. Fortune

October 11, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street) improvements

Dear Secretary Chao,

I support for the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for \$20 million to improve Indiana Street (State Highway 72). The project will eliminate a crucial constriction by rebuilding the Union Pacific railroad underpass allowing for widening the road for a 3/4mile stretch between West 80th Avenue to West 86th Avenue. The City in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Department of Transportation brings \$5 million in matching funds. Of this amount, \$2 million is from developer impact fees, an estimated \$500,000 is from right-of-way and developer improvements, and CDOT has pledged a \$750,000 contribution.

As a property owner and developer in this area, it is clear that this is a needed improvement critical to future growth and public safety throughout the Indiana Street corridor. This area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly; daily traffic on Indiana Street has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor. This project has the support of area residents, businesses and Jefferson County. Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,

Walter B Raub 10/11/2017

Walter B. Raub
8335 Indiana St
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COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Office of the Executive Director

October 5, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has reviewed the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) IX grant application for the City of Arvada SH 72 (Indiana Street) Improvement project. CDOT concurs with the application and is willing to form a partnership with the City of Arvada by pledging matching funds not to exceed \$750,000.

This segment of Indiana Street (SH 72) from W 82nd Avenue to W 86th Avenue is a bottleneck on the regional McIntyre/Indiana corridor due to a narrow railroad structure that currently restricts the roadway to 2 narrow travel lanes. The project will construct a new railroad bridge and a 4-lane median-separated roadway between the intersections. The cross-section for the 4-lane roadway includes wide sidewalks (trails) to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian travel needs.

The McIntyre/Indiana roadway corridor is currently suffering from inadequate capacity. This project will support Jefferson County efforts along McIntyre Street as well as Arvada's widening project at Indiana St and W 72nd Ave to keep north/south regional traffic flowing through those communities. The project serves national and regional economic interests by reconstructing an old Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) bridge structure.

The project also serves regional traffic in northwest metropolitan Denver on a CDOT highway and is a transportation spine connecting to multiple highway corridors, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, and the future Jefferson beltway. The project touches the Candelas Metropolitan District, which the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has designated as an urban center within metro Denver with planned residential, office, retail, hospital, industrial, and other land-uses.

CDOT is pleased to form this partnership with the City of Arvada. If you need further information, please contact Ron Papsdorf at (303) 757-9105.

Sincerely,

Shailen P. Bhatt
Executive Director



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October 11, 2017

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RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street) improvements

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As a property owner and developer in this area, it is clear that this is a needed improvement critical to future growth and public safety throughout the Indiana Street corridor. This area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly; daily traffic on Indiana Street has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor. This project has the support of area residents, businesses and Jefferson County. Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,

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Charles C. McKay
Church Ranch



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October 10, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street) improvements

Dear Secretary Chao,

My firm owns significant real estate holdings on or near the Indiana St. (State Highway 72) corridor in Arvada, Colorado. This vital roadway has been improved in a haphazard manner over the years leaving many segments clogged with traffic and dangerous in many respects. A cohesive plan for its improvement is desperately needed to address these concerns and efficiently move traffic in this area.

To that end, I strongly support the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for \$20 million to improve Indiana Street. One of the keys to the project, if the funds can be obtained, is the elimination and replacement of an aged Union Pacific Railroad underpass allowing for widening of the roadway for a 3/4 mile stretch between West 80th Avenue and West 86th Avenue.

The City in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Department of Transportation brings \$5 million in matching funds to this project. Of this amount, \$2 million is from developer impact fees, an estimated \$500,000 is from right-of-way and developer improvements, and CDOT has pledged a \$750,000 contribution.

As a property owner and developer in this area, it is clear that this is a needed improvement critical to future growth and public safety throughout the Indiana Street corridor. This area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly; daily traffic on Indiana Street has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor. This project has the support of area residents, businesses and Jefferson County.

Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,


E5X MANAGEMENT, INC.

Chris Elliott, President

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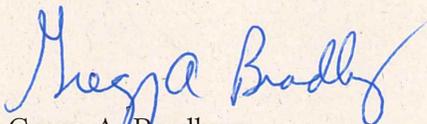
RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street)
improvements

Dear Secretary Chao,

I support the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for \$20 million to improve Indiana Street (State Highway 72). The project will eliminate a crucial constriction by rebuilding the Union Pacific Railroad underpass allowing for widening the road for a 3/4 mile stretch between West 80th Avenue to West 86th Avenue. The City, in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Department of Transportation, brings \$5 million in matching funds. Of this amount, \$2 million is from developer impact fees, an estimated \$500,000 is from right-of-way and developer improvements, and CDOT has pledged a \$750,000 contribution.

As a property owner and developer in this area, it is clear that this is a needed improvement critical to future growth and public safety throughout the Indiana Street corridor. This area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly; daily traffic on Indiana Street has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor. This project has the support of area residents, businesses and Jefferson County. Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,



Gregg A. Bradbury
Cimarron Development Company



Opening the future for business in Jefferson county, Colorado

October 12, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street) improvements

Dear Secretary Chao,

I support the City of Arvada's TIGER grant application for \$20 million to improve Indiana Street (State Highway 72). The project will eliminate a crucial constriction by rebuilding the Union Pacific railroad underpass allowing the widening of the road for a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile stretch between West 80th Avenue to West 86th Avenue. The City, in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Department of Transportation, brings \$5 million in matching funds. Of this amount, \$2 million is from developer impact fees, an estimated \$500,000 is from right-of-way and developer improvements, and CDOT has pledged a \$750,000 contribution.

The City has long supported improvements in the area with projects ranging from the Jefferson Parkway to intersection improvements at Indiana Street and West 72nd Avenue. This area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly; daily traffic on Indiana Street has increased nearly 400% since the year 2000. Removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor. This project has the support of area residents and Jefferson County. Thank you for your consideration of Arvada's request for funds.

Sincerely,

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Leigh Seeger
Interim President & CEO





October 4, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for the City of Arvada's TIGER Application for SH-72 (Indiana Street)
Roadway Widening Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) is pleased to support the City of Arvada's application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program to fund a major roadway widening project on Indiana Street (SH-72) between W 82nd Ave and W 86th Parkway. The \$25 million requested, along with an additional \$5 million contributed by the City of Arvada, will increase access on a major route for our agency and other local first responders to areas of the community by eliminating a bottleneck along SH-72. The increased access is especially critical in emergency situations.

JCSO works collaboratively with its local municipalities to serve the 550,000 residents of Jefferson County through ongoing collaboration and has primary patrolling responsibility to 189,720 residents in its unincorporated areas. The growing population in the region has and continues to increase congestion on major roadways, increasing overall transit and emergency response times, especially to rural areas of the county. This project would reconstruct an old Union Pacific Railroad Bridge to allow widening of SH-72 from a narrow two-lane roadway to a median separated four-lane highway.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am confident that this project will achieve the goals of the TIGER grant by enhancing safety for community residents, promoting regional connectivity, especially for rural areas of our community, and increasing quality of life.

Sincerely,

Jeff Shrader
Sheriff

October 3, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: State Highway 72 TIGER Grant Application

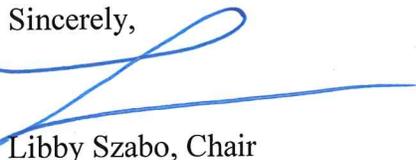
Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners regarding a TIGER grant application by the City of Arvada, Colorado for the widening of State Highway 72 (Indiana St). This corridor is an important transportation route connecting rural and urbanizing portions of northwestern Jefferson County. The TIGER grant will fund reconstruction of a decaying railroad bridge and add capacity to a portion of SH-72 (Indiana St). It compliments ongoing city and county transportation projects, and sets the stage for further widening along the highway.

It is worth noting that this project serves national, regional and local economic interests. The movement of people and goods on our railways as well as our highways are important to the American economy. Widening of the SH-72 (Indiana St) corridor has regional economic benefits given the commercial, industrial, retail, residential and civic land-uses along the corridor. The route also connects to a future metropolitan beltway connection known as Jefferson Parkway. The City of Arvada is actively investing in improvements to the north and south of the project location through ongoing development and capital improvement projects. The county is also investing in roadway and intersection projects to eliminate bottlenecks along the north-south corridor. Without this project, this economic corridor will continue to have a pinch point and will remain congested.

Please take into consideration the support of Jefferson County in this funding the request by the City of Arvada. This project aligns with the intent of the TIGER program and has a significant positive impact to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Libby Szabo, Chair

LS/jr

MICHAEL F. BENNET
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October 12, 2017

Ms. Elaine Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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RE: City of Arvada TIGER Grant Application – Highway 72 (Indiana Street) Improvements

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Arvada's (The City) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to improve Indiana Street (State Highway 72). If awarded, the project will eliminate a crucial constriction by rebuilding the Union Pacific railroad underpass allowing for a widening of the road on a ¾ mile stretch between West 80th Avenue to West 86th Avenue.

The City has long supported improvements in the area with projects ranging from the Jefferson Parkway to intersection improvements at Indiana Street and West 72nd Avenue. Currently, The City, in partnership with the private sector and the Colorado Department of Transportation, brings \$5 million in matching funds. Of this amount, \$2 million is from developer impact fees, an estimated \$500,000 is from right-of-way and developer improvements, and CDOT has pledged a \$750,000 contribution.

The targeted area in Arvada and Jefferson County is growing rapidly with daily traffic on Indiana Street increasing by nearly 400% since the year 2000. If funded, removing the bottleneck caused by the railroad underpass will significantly improve capacity and materially improve safety along this stretch of the Indiana Street Corridor.

I encourage you to give The City's application every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration, and please notify my office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



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October 11, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
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RE: State Highway 72 at UPRR Bridge - TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to confirm the City of Arvada's financial capability to manage and successfully complete the State Highway 72/ Indiana St Widening Project at the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge. We are seeking TIGER funding for this project as it addresses all of the goals of the TIGER program, but it is unlikely to be completed in the foreseeable future without the support of federal funds. The City has made every effort to maximize our cost share: the requested funding will enable us to complete the project in a timely fashion and the entire region will reap the substantial economic benefits the project will create.

The Arvada Economic Development Association's (AEDA) assessment of the impact of transportation improvements in the northwest region of Arvada demonstrates the exponential economic return of a TIGER investment. AEDA estimates the net fiscal impact associated with development in the area over a 20 year period can be nearly doubled by transportation enhancements including the railroad, from \$91 million to over \$180 million, while the overall net economic impact is similarly expected to double from these improvements from \$9 billion to \$17 billion over a 20 year period.

As with all projects in the City of Arvada, this project will be fully capitalized up-front, and all costs will be tracked in the City's financial management system. Currently, Jefferson County is invested in improvements at intersections and bottlenecks along the SH-72 regional route downstream from the project location at a cost of \$7 million. The City also has a planned capital project to upgrade the traffic signal and add operational improvements to SH-72 at 80th Ave, at a cost of nearly \$2 million. There is also an active project to improve the intersection at SH-72 and 72nd Ave, at a cost of just over \$6 million.

The City of Arvada is partnering with Jefferson County to exchange Open Space right-of-way along the project corridor and maximize the non-Federal share of the project funding. The City has also invested nearly \$50,000 in engineering consultant services to design a conceptual double-track bridge structure, 4-lane multimodal roadway, and create a cost estimate. The City will continue to use staff resources and expertise to add value beyond the required 20% local match. CDOT has pledged \$750,000 in financial support and the developer community is also contributing nearly \$500,000 in highway improvements north of the bridge structure to add capacity to SH-72 that will be added to

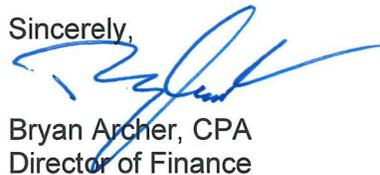
\$3,750,000 pledged by the City. The City's match will consist of \$2,000,000 in developer impact fees, combined with at least \$1,750,000 in Capital Improvement funding.

The City prepares ten-year financial plans for both Operations and Capital Projects in order to balance the needs for major projects with the ongoing operations of the City. The City allocates the first one cent of every dollar raised from sales tax for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and for debt service related to capital. In 2018, we project \$9.8 million to go towards capital, of which \$4.4 million will be applied to debt service related to previous capital improvements. This will be the final payment on the bonds. That will leave \$5.3 million for new capital projects. A large portion of the \$5.3 million is typically reserved for the City's Take Lasting Care program, which is used for major required improvements to aging capital assets. Starting in 2019, the previous amount allocated to debt service will be available. The current CIP plan calls for a renewal of the bond to be used on additional capital projects. This does require approval by City Council and a vote of the citizens.

Another option would be the current one-time funds that have been generated in 2017. The City of Arvada has been in a growth patter over the past four years, averaging one-time excess revenues and expenditure savings of over \$6 million. While 2017 has not come to a close, the current estimate calls for a similar amount to be generated. These funds will not be allocated until the January 2018 City Council retreat. A positive approval on the TIGER grant application will place the remaining funding gap match at the top of the list.

The City follows financial best practices, has received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the last 32 years, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the past 25 years, and is an excellent steward of federal, state and local funds. The extremely high cost of this project is primarily due to the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge, as the cost stands out far above similar capital projects. In order to complete this lynchpin project for transportation in the Northwest corridor, we require the support of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for your consideration of our funding request.

Sincerely,



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