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John W. Hickenlooper
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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: North I-25 TIGER 2016 and FAST LANE Discretionary Grant applications

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the State of Colorado, I'm writing to request strong consideration for the application for the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 2016 program supporting the North I-25 Phase 1 project, which will make critical improvements to the I-25 corridor.

CDOT has submitted multiple applications for TIGER in prior years, but we have given ultimate priority to this project and will not submit any other projects for consideration. This project leverages \$25 million in local matches from several jurisdictions into a \$235 million project to expand capacity one lane in each direction on I-25 for 14 miles in order to accommodate a Tolerated Express and High Occupancy Vehicle (TEL/HOV) Lane as prioritized by the North I-25 EIS. The project also includes important transit, pedestrian, and cycling improvements that will connect Northern Colorado communities to each other and to the Denver Metro region, enhancing economic opportunities for residents and businesses. Two interstate bridges will be replaced to accommodate future improvements and strengthen the corridor's resiliency against natural disaster.

This grant request would make whole the North I-25 2035 Phase 1 project by combining the award with local matches, state funds, and private financing backed by future toll revenues on the corridor. This represents an opportunity for USDOT to make this project a reality with a relatively modest award. We believe this represents the best possible kind of partnership with the federal government.

Multiple Colorado jurisdictions, organizations, and coalitions are enthusiastically united in support of this project, including the North I-25 Coalition of Elected Officials, the Fix I-25 Business Alliance, Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance, Larimer County, Weld County, and

multiple municipalities and chambers of commerce representing an important part of our state. The critical link the North I-25 Corridor has to mobility and commerce for the entire state of Colorado cannot be understated and we believe this project deserves the support of USDOT's discretionary programs.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor