



June 2, 2021

The Honorable John Hickenlooper
U.S. Senate

Re: Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request for CO7/I-25 Mobility Hub

Dear Senator Hickenlooper,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership and Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Management Organization in the north east quadrant of the metro Denver area. NATA's partnership of public and private entities work collaboratively to identify, develop, advocate and promote sustainable multimodal transportation solutions that will enhance clean mobility options that improves transit service, drives economic vitality and reduces traffic congestion in the north area.

We are eager to provide a letter of support for the CDS funding request for the CO7/I-25 mobility hub project. NATA cooperatively established criteria which identifies and supports our most important transportation projects and services. Our priorities ensured a balanced and equitable number of projects that are most important to our member jurisdictions. The CO7/I-25 mobility hub with enhanced transit service is a project that holds a top priority for NATA.

Our organization believes that our member jurisdictions have been proactively planning for transit service with comprehensive transportation masterplans. Higher densities, affordable housing and entry level workforce industries located in this nexus region will benefit from this much needed transit service. NATA's goal of clean mobility options mirrors the state's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Road Map that calls out for the reduction of VMT- something that will be less likely without an investment for transit options. This mobility hub will accommodate transit service in a transit desert, provide important transit connectivity between Boulder and Brighton, between northern Colorado and the Denver metro, and provide a mobility option where none now exists.

Thank you for this opportunity to request funding for a project that will have a significant positive impact for people living and traveling in the region of I-25 and CO7.

Sincerely,

Jessica Sandgren, Chair
Mayor Pro tem, City of Thornton