



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

SUBJECT: 2021 RAISE Grant Application, City of Longmont State Highway 119 and Hover: Safety First. Equity always. Connections for all.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Metro North Chamber of Commerce, Adams County Economic Development 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 transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north area. Our goal is to ensure an effective regional transportation system that can foster a high quality of life and maintain a highly skilled workforce to support diverse industries in demand in today's economy.

NATA offers this letter in support of the City of Longmont's 2021 RAISE Grant Application for State Highway 119 and Hover Road project. This project will optimize regional connectivity and mobility between Downtown Boulder and Downtown Longmont. The improvements will:

- Construct a safer intersection for all travelers by reducing congestion and eliminating conflict points
- Create a time advantage for transit users with a bus queue jump lane and transit-only signal
- Develop a more equitable and connected transportation system by linking active modes to surrounding facilities and transit with a new underpass for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians

Importantly, this project is pivotal to advancing identified multi-modal corridor improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express/managed lanes, and a commuter bikeway in the SH-119 regional corridor which will facilitate interregional travel from rural areas in the region and improve safety for all travelers.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Longmont's SH 119 and Hover: Safety First. Equity always. Connections for all.

Sincerely,

Jessica Sandgren, Chair of NATA  
City of Thornton, Mayor Pro Tem