



October 26, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: North Area Transportation Alliance Letter of Support for the ***“The Centennial Highway (US 85) Betterments Improvement Project”***

Dear Secretary Chao:

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is an association of thirteen local governments, the Metro North Chamber of Commerce, Adams County Economic Development Corporation, Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Management Organization and businesses in the north metro Denver area. NATA’s partnership of public and private entities work to identify, develop, advocate and lobby for transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development, and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area. To that end, NATA fully supports Weld County’s INFRA application for ***“The Centennial Highway (US 85) Betterments Improvement Project”***.

Three of our NATA members, Adams County, Brighton and Commerce City are leveraging the \$17 million towards the Project and we believe the project fulfills many additional INFRA criteria, including fostering economic vitality, improving freight movements, and enhancing safety along the corridor.

For these reasons, NATA urges your support of Weld County’s INFRA application for ***“The Centennial Highway (US 85) Betterments Improvement Project”***.

Sincerely,

Herb Atchison, Chair
Mayor, City of Westminster

c: NATA Members