



Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC, 20590

February 9, 2023

RE: Support 104th Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and South Platte River- RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership and Smart Commute Transportation Management Organization in the northeast quadrant of the metro Denver area. NATA's partnership of public and private entities collaborate work to identify, develop, advocate for 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 our diverse industries that are in demand in today's economy.

The 104th Avenue (SH-44) Corridor Improvements Project, which will enhance multimodal opportunities and connectivity along a critical east-west connection for local, commuter, and airport traffic through the northern Denver metropolitan area. The City of Thornton is requesting \$25 million in U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for the completion of the engineering design, environmental, right-of-way, and construction of the first phase of the corridor improvements to 104th Avenue (SH-44) between Colorado Boulevard and the South Platte River Bridge.

NATA is highly supportive of this worthy project as it will replace a functionally obsolete, deteriorating roadway with new multimodal access, enhanced roadway features, intersection improvements, signals, and ADA ramps along this busy corridor.

NATA and its members greatly appreciate the DOT's consideration of the 104th Avenue Corridor Improvements project. The project will address regional issues of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit connectivity, air quality, insufficient ADA facilities, transit stop areas, lighting, streetscape, and amenities elements, Vision Zero concepts for safety, pavement condition, and vehicular traffic congestion.

Sincerely,

Greg Mills
Brighton Mayor, NATA Chair