



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

January 29, 2024

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Commerce City's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for the 88th Avenue Corridor Project

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.

NATA fully supports the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the 88th Avenue Corridor Project that includes East 88th Avenue between Interstate 76 and Highway 2 and two blocks of Rosemary Street. These streets provide critical connections to travelers in Commerce City and the greater Denver metropolitan region. The 88th Avenue corridor is currently a two-lane street lacking multimodal facilities and shoulders and is often over-capacity. The corridor restricts access and connectivity for those desiring to walk or bike. The frequent congestion along the corridor also creates delays for the many freight and emergency response vehicles that rely on the corridor.

The project is needed to improve safety, improve traffic operations, accommodate current and future vehicular traffic, support freight mobility, and provide safe facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. It is also needed to enhance access to the adjacent industrial, commercial, and residential land uses. The improvements will create a more complete corridor by adding bicycle and pedestrian facilities, adding roadway capacity, and improving numerous intersections. The project will also construct a new bridge over the O-Brian Canal, improve railroad crossings, and provide infrastructure such as lighting, drainage, and landscaping.

We look forward to working closely with Commerce City, and other agencies and partners as needed, to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

Nancy McNally
Westminster Mayor, NATA Chair