



October 19, 2018

Doug Rex, Executive Director
Denver Regional Council of Governments
1001 17th Street, #700
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Letter of Support for 120th/US 85 Project

Dear Mr. Rex,

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.

The North Area Transportation Alliance fully endorses the submittal of the 120th Avenue and U.S. 85 Phase I Project for consideration within the Denver Regional Council of Governments' 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Regional Call for Projects.

Improving the interchange at 120th Avenue and U.S. 85 has been a regional priority for many years. A grade-separated interchange at 120th Avenue and U.S. 85 will provide much-needed congestion relief from blocked railroad crossings and improve safety by reducing vehicle/train conflicts. The proposed project scope will further advance construction of this interchange, building on the current environmental assessment anticipated to be completed in 2019.

The importance of this grade-separated interchange is evidenced by the region's continual efforts to secure federal grant funding as well as the political support from the Colorado Department of Transportation and City of Thornton. The communities of Commerce City, Adams County, and Brighton are committed to project implementation as evidenced by their collective funding commitments.

We strongly urge selection of this project for regional funding.

Sincerely,

Lynn Baca, Chair
Councilmember, City of Brighton



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Re: Letter of Support for I-270 and Vasquez Project

Dear Mr. Rex,

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.

The North Area Transportation Alliance fully endorses the submittal of the I-270 and Vasquez Project for consideration within the Denver Regional Council of Governments' 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Regional Call for Projects.

The I-270 Corridor Environmental Assessment and Vasquez Boulevard Construction Project has been a top priority for our region for many years. Interstate 270 is a corridor of commerce and functionally obsolete, with congestion levels three times that of any other interstate within the region. These issues hamper commuters, businesses and the ability of the region to achieve its vision of connectedness. The proposed project scope will further advance reconstruction of the I-270 corridor and construct needed safety, operational and multimodal improvements identified in the recently completed Vasquez Boulevard Planning and Environmental Linkage study.

Our local government partners Commerce City, Adams County, the City & County of Denver, and the Colorado Department of Transportation are committed to implementation of this regional project as evidenced by their collective funding commitments. The corridor's regional importance is also evidenced by the political support from the U.S. 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition and the Boulder Subregional Forum. We strongly urge selection of this project for regional funding.

Sincerely,

Lynn Baca, Chair
Councilmember, City of Brighton