December 30, 2020

Senator Faith Winter

200 E Colfax Avenue, RM 346

Denver, CO 80203

Representative Matt Gray

200 E. Colfax Avenue, RM 307

Denver, CO 80203

RE: 2021 Transportation Funding Bill Proposal

Dear Senator Winter and Representative Gray,

Thank you very much for joining the December North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) Meeting to share information regarding the development of a fee-based statewide transportation funding bill which you may bring forward in the 2021 Colorado Legislative Session. We are pleased to be recognized as an important stakeholder group representing public and private entities in the North I-25 Corridor and provide our initial input below. Our coalition would support legislation which:

* Preserves existing General Fund transfers for transportation projects and creates new revenue streams to meet statewide needs.
* Aligns state transportation funding investment priorities with CDOT’s statewide transportation plan, including the 10-year pipeline of projects.
* Directs resources to support the diverse needs of the state from rural to urban, and providing mobility options for all ages and abilities, and vulnerable populations. We are interested in hearing your further concepts which could direct a percentage of new funding for multimodal needs.
* Recognize gas tax as a declining revenue source and leverages the purchase of gasoline as a bridge to modernized fees.
* Create innovative funding mechanisms to reflect all types of vehicles and how they use the roadway network proportionate to their impacts to our transportation infrastructure.
* Help achieve Colorado’s Green House Gas reduction goals by making investments to reduce transportation sector emissions.

Your leadership to address the transportation funding needs of our state are greatly appreciated. We look forward to receiving additional information on the legislative concepts you are considering and providing further input.

Sincerely,

Julie Duran Mullica

NATA Chair

CC: NATA Membership