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RE: 2022 DRCOG TIP Grant Application for CO7 BRT Starter Service

Dear Ms. Bracke,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership, Adams County Economic Development and Smart Commute Transportation Management Organization in the northeast guadrant 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. 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 diverse industries in demand in today's economy.

The purpose of this letter is to serve as confirmation of NATA's support for the multi-jurisdictional DRCOG TIP application to fund bus rapid transit (BRT) starter service on the CO7 corridor between Boulder and Brighton, CO7 improvements, specifically BRT, remain a top tier priority for NATA. This project presents an opportunity to pilot inter-regional BRT service for two years (2026-2027) to help build the ridership market for expanding transit service along this important corridor into the future. This CO7 BRT starter service grant application is an important first step to providing more multimodal transportation options for residents, employees, students, and all travelers along the CO7 corridor.

NATA looks forward to continuing to work closely with this muti-jurisdictional effort to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

Lvin Baca NATA Chair

CC: NATA Membership

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