



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

April 25, 2024

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 works collaboratively to identify, develop, advocate for, and promote transportation solutions that will enhance mobility options, drive economic development, and reduce traffic congestion in the north area. Our goal is to ensure a safe and reliable 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. I write to bring to your attention the competitive regional application submitted by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for the FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. I strongly urge your support for DRCOG's multi-jurisdictional submittal and want to highlight eight projects that four of our NATA members, Adams County, the City of Brighton, the City and County of Broomfield, and the City of Commerce City have included:

#### **City of Brighton**

- An update to the city's Vision Zero plan (Supplemental Funding), and
- The creation of a multi-lingual, public safety dashboard that is both visually and audibly accessible (Demonstration Funding), and
- Quick-build pedestrian and bike safety countermeasures at the U.S. 85 and CO Highway 7 roundabouts (Implementation Funding at the crossroads of two High Injury Networks, or "HIN")

#### **City and County of Broomfield**

- Midway Boulevard interim multimodal & safety quick-build improvements located on the DRCOG High-Injury Network (Demonstration Funding), and
- US 287/120th Avenue from Upham to Nickel Street Right-Sizing & Complete Streets design project, located on the DRCOG Critical Corridor network (Implementation Funding)

#### **City of Commerce City**

- School Zone Flashing sign replacement. This project would upgrade existing signs that are reaching end of service life with new systems that can be remotely connected - allowing staff to make schedule changes and monitor functional status remotely (Demonstration Funding).
- Upgrade all existing Regulatory signs to Type XI High-intensity Micro-prismatic retroreflective sheeting signs, approximately 7,000 signs in the oldest part of the city (Demonstration Funding).

Adams County

Brighton

Broomfield

Commerce City

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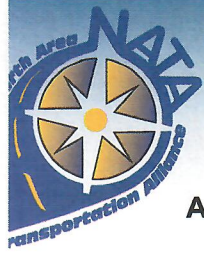
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## Adams County

- The project will install low cost, systemic safety improvements near all of Adams County's 41 schools. Strategies may include changes to or the addition of pavement markings, delineators, signage, flashing beacons, crosswalk visibility enhancements, or other traffic calming devices. The project will also include a comprehensive Safe Routes to School analysis, which will be conducted for each school area to determine if access to each school is safe and equitable (Demonstration Funding, countywide).

Our jurisdictions have conducted extensive planning and community outreach for their respective projects, and all are ready to advance to the next reasonable phase. DRCOG's regional approach will provide meaningful safety improvements throughout the Denver metro area, including Adams County, Brighton, Broomfield, and Commerce City's projects that will implement safety countermeasures on three HIN Corridors and one Critical Corridor, and provide demonstration activities in some of the region's most vulnerable communities. We urge you to please give all due consideration to our request to support DRCOG's regional application for SS4A funding. If there are any questions, please email them to [nataboardcolorado@gmail.com](mailto:nataboardcolorado@gmail.com)

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Westminster Mayor, NATA Chair