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DATE: February 14, 2023

TO: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kathleen Bracke, Deputy Director, Community Planning & Permitting – Transportation Planning

CC: Dale Case, Director, Community Planning & Permitting
Alex Hyde-Wright, CP&P – Transportation Planning
Stacey Proctor, CP&P – Transportation Planning

RE: Request for Boulder County support for RAISE Application for CO119

Boulder County staff, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Regional Transportation District (RTD), cities of Longmont and Boulder, Commuting Solutions, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has developed a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant for the multimodal corridor improvements along the CO119, also known as the “Diagonal Highway”.

As documented in Boulder County’s Transportation Master Plan, CDOT’s 10 year priority list of priority projects, RTD’s CO119 Planning & Environmental Linkage (PEL) study, DRCOG Regional Transportation Plan, and the Northwest Mayors and Commissioners policy agency, CO119 is a vital regional and inter-regional corridor connecting Boulder County, Denver metro area, and Northern Colorado. This project will include multimodal safety and operational improvements along the CO119 diagonal corridor support people using all modes of travel. Specific project elements will include construction of intersection improvements, transit queue bypass lanes, commuter bikeway, and bus rapid transit station area improvements.

The CO119 RAISE grant application is for \$25M to complement and leverage additional project funding for multimodal infrastructure investments that has been secured from CDOT, RTD, Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), and local communities. With this RAISE funding, the CO119 corridor improvements will be substantially funded along the Diagonal Highway portion of the corridor. The total project cost estimate for the CO119 corridor improvements is approximately \$160M and to-date, the agency partners have secured \$130+M so the federal RAISE grant will be significant to fulfill the remaining funded gap needed to construct the full corridor improvements. The portion of matching funds provided by Boulder County for the CO119 corridor improvements have previously been identified and vetted with the Board of County Commissioners, there are not any additional county funds needed for this specific grant application.

Staff is seeking approval from the Boulder County Commissioners to submit this CO119 RAISE grant application on behalf of the Boulder County and our agency partners to the

Matt Jones *County Commissioner* **Claire Levy** *County Commissioner* **Marta Loachamin** *County Commissioner*

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). Our goal is to submit this application by February 24th, however the formal RAISE deadline is February 28th. We have been advised to submit the application a week in advance.

In addition, staff is requesting that the commissioners provide a cover letter that will be included in the RAISE grant application. Please see attached draft for your review and consideration.

Action

Request for BOCC approval of the CO119 RAISE grant application submittal to the USDOT on or before February 28, 2023, and approval of the attached cover letter addressed to USDOT Secretary Buttigieg.

BOCC Signature if Approved:

Signature

Date