

Board of County Commissioners

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The Honorable Michael Bennet United States Senator 261 Russell Senate Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable John Hickenlooper United States Senator 374 Russell Senate Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for the Town of Superior's FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the McCaslin Boulevard Multi-Use Trail

Dear Senator Bennet and Senator Hickenlooper:

I am writing on behalf of Boulder County, Colorado, to express the county's support for the Town of Superior's FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the McCaslin Boulevard Multi-Use Trail.

McCaslin Boulevard is an important route in Superior and Boulder County and part of the historic Morgul-Bismark cycling route. The road currently includes shoulders as the designated bike facility; however, these shoulders are high-stress environments for multimodal users due to the proximity to fast moving vehicles and steep grades. Bicyclists and pedestrians, being among the most vulnerable road users, require protection and separation from vehicular traffic. Research demonstrates that implementing safety measures not only improves bicyclist and pedestrian safety but also benefits drivers. Creating separation between travel modes also creates a more comfortable environment, encouraging more active transportation use.

Constructing a separated multi-use trail along McCaslin Boulevard, from Rock Creek Parkway to Coalton Road, will significantly enhance regional multimodal connectivity by connecting to numerous community trails including the Rock Creek Regional Trail, which links to the US 36 Bikeway. These valuable trail connections will enable community members to access and enjoy open spaces in a safe and sustainable manner.

Constructing a safe, comfortable, and connected multi-use trail along a key corridor in the county complements numerous strategies and implementation actions in Boulder County's Transportation Master Plan.

We encourage you to fund Superior's request for this important transportation project!

Sincerely,

Marta Loachamin, Chair Boulder County Board of Commissioners