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DATE: June 17, 2025

TO: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Stacey Proctor, Project Manager, Community Planning & Permitting

CC: Dale Case, Director, Community Planning & Permitting
Kelly Leadbetter, Grants Coordinator, Community Planning & Permitting

RE: **Submission and Local Match Approval for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program Application**

Actions Requested

Staff from the Community Planning & Permitting Department – Transportation Planning Division is seeking approval from the Board of County Commissioners to submit a [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#) application for funds to engineer and construct the southern segment of the North Foothills Bikeway (from Broadway to Neva Road). Staff is also seeking approval for the commitment of \$4,112,600 of Transportation Sales Tax Funds to be committed as local match.

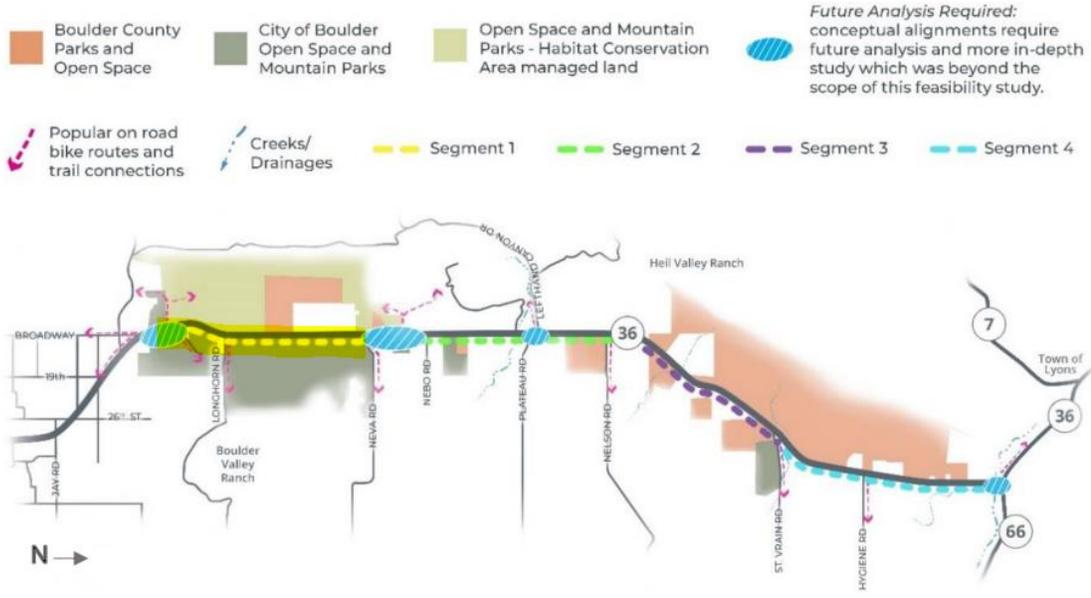
Background

The [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA) established the SS4A Grant Program to fund plans and projects to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The Program includes \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026; almost \$2 billion is still available. The Program is one of the largest federal grant programs dedicated to roadway safety in U.S. history and is an unprecedented opportunity for local agencies to implement significant safety projects.

The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants for Action Plans and Implementation Grants. The county previously applied for and received \$473,600 of Planning funding to develop of the county's Vision Zero Action Plan. Now, the county is seeking Implementation funding to engineer and construct the segment of the US 36 North Foothills Bikeway between Broadway and Neva Road (highlighted in yellow in the figure). This segment has the highest number of bicyclist injuries and fatalities on the corridor and is therefore the top priority segment.

Claire Levy County Commissioner **Marta Loachamin** County Commissioner **Ashley Stolzmann** County Commissioner

  **North Foothills Bikeway Feasibility Study**



The estimated project cost is \$26,350,000. The local match required is 20% or \$5,270,000.

Staff has coordinated with stakeholders and received the following funding commitments to-date: \$1,000,000 from CDOT, \$100,000 from the City of Boulder, and \$57,400 from Coalition 4 Cyclists (C4C), leaving \$4,112,600 needed in local match from the county. Staff is requesting approval from the Board to commit \$4,112,600 of Transportation Sales Tax Funds as the maximum of amount of local match from Boulder County as staff continues to pursue additional funding contributions. Letters of support and local match commitment are included as **Attachment 1**.

Without significant additional funding, the engineering and construction of the North Foothills Bikeway will be implemented slowly over time. The SS4A Program is an opportunity to accelerate the construction of a safe facility, reducing the number of severe and fatal crashes along the corridor. Applications are due no later than 3 P.M. on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Actions Requested

Two actions:

1. Approval for Boulder County to submit an Implementation Grant application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.
2. Approval to commit a maximum of \$4,112,600 of Transportation Sales Tax Funds as local match to fulfill the application requirements.

Board of County Commissioners' signature if approved:

Signature

Date

Attachments:

1. Letters of support and local match funding commitment
2. Draft Board of County Commissioners letter of support



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Department of Transportation

Region 4
Regional Director's Office
10601 10th Street
Greeley, CO 80634-9000

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for Boulder County's US 36 North Foothills Bikeway Project - SS4A Implementation Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy and the SS4A Program Staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 4 to express our support for Boulder County's application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. Funds will be used for the engineering and construction of the southern segment of the North Foothills Bikeway Project.

As the agency with ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the US 36 corridor between the City of Boulder and the Town of Lyons, CDOT affirms our agreement and supports the proposed improvements along this corridor. We recognize the urgent safety needs and are committed to continuing to work with Boulder County and other regional partners to ensure the project's success.

The US 36 corridor is one of Colorado's most frequently cycled routes and a critical regional connector for community members and visitors traveling to Rocky Mountain National Park. Unfortunately, the corridor has also been the site of numerous fatal and serious injury crashes involving cyclists. The proposed separated bikeway is a proven safety countermeasure that will reduce conflicts between motorists and cyclists, helping prevent future fatalities, and creating a safer travel environment for all modes.

This project directly aligns with the SS4A program goals. It offers a clear solution to reduce injuries and fatalities along a high-injury network corridor with demonstrated cycling demand. **In recognition of the project's importance and our support for Boulder County, CDOT will provide \$1,000,000 as local match, should federal funds be awarded.**

We support Boulder County's application and are committed to continued coordination to advance this critical safety infrastructure.

Sincerely,

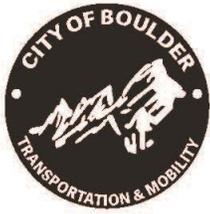
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Paddock**

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Heather Paddock
CDOT Region 4 Transportation Director

cc: Keith Sheaffer, CDOT Region 4 North Program Engineer
Katrina Kloberdanz, CDOT Region 4 Professional Engineer
Bryce Reeves, CDOT Region 4 Local Agency Resident Engineer
Josie Thomas, CDOT Region 4 Planning & Local Agency Environmental Manager
James Eussen, CDOT Region 4 Planning & Environmental Manager
Deanna McIntosh, CDOT Region 4 Planning





City of Boulder Transportation & Mobility

June 12, 2025

U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for Boulder County's US 36 North Foothills Bikeway Project – SS4A Implementation Grant Application

Secretary Duffy and the SS4A Program Staff,

On behalf of the City of Boulder, I am writing to express support for Boulder County's application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant to fund the engineering and construction of the southern segment of the US 36 North Foothills Bikeway, located along US 36 between the City of Boulder and the Town of Lyons. This bikeway project represents an important safety investment on a corridor that is heavily traveled by cyclists.

The US 36 North Foothills corridor is a critical regional connector for community members to access education and employment opportunities in Boulder, visitors to travel between Denver and Rocky Mountain National Park, and cyclists to train as well as access recreational opportunities on surrounding open spaces and regional trails. Tragically, this corridor has experienced numerous fatal crashes involving cyclists in recent years. This history underscores the urgent need for a dedicated, separated facility to safely accommodate the thousands of cyclists who rely on this corridor.

The North Foothills Bikeway Feasibility Study, approved by the Board of County Commissioners in October 2024, recommends a continuous bikeway between Boulder and Lyons to address these safety concerns. The City of Boulder participated in the planning process and supports completion of the bikeway. Advancing the first segment through this SS4A grant is a critical step toward realizing the full 11-mile facility. In recognition of the project's importance to our community and our support for Boulder County, the City will provide \$100,000 as local match, should federal funds be awarded.

This project will improve the quality of life for all travelers and provide economic and mobility benefits to our community. I urge your full consideration of Boulder County's application to implement this life-saving infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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Valerie Watson
Interim Director of Transportation and Mobility

cc: Gerrit Slatter, PE, Civil Engineering Senior Manager – Capital Projects
Stephen Rijo, Transportation Planning Manager



2 June, 2025

U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support and Confirmation of Local Match for Boulder County's US 36 North Foothills Corridor Safety Project – SS4A Implementation Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy and the SS4A Program Staff,

Coalition 4 Cyclists (C4C) strongly supports Boulder County's application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant to fund the engineering and construction of the southern segment of the US 36 North Foothills Corridor Safety for All Project including the bikeway, located along US 36 between the City of Boulder and Neva Road.

C4C devoted our annual fundraising event held on May 16, 2025 to raise money to go to the local match. Community members donated \$57,400 which C4C will provide to the local match, should federal funds be awarded. Additionally, C4C will continue to support this project, including financially, until its full 11 mile project scope is complete.

The project is urgent, critical, and important. Infrastructure adaptations need to be sped up on an urgent basis in order to change the predictably adverse safety outcomes that current infrastructure contributes to.

The location of the project is a crucial connection to the greater multi-modal network. The section of road had 52,712 bicycle trips in 2022 demonstrating the need to make the connection safe for all users.

The project's comprehensive approach to roadway safety, transit options, bicycle and pedestrian access, and planned future wildlife crossings is an important demonstration of design standards for leading infrastructure solutions.

The US 36 North Foothills corridor is a critical regional connector for community members to access education and employment in Boulder, visitors to travel between Denver and Rocky Mountain National Park, and cyclists to train, recreate, and access open spaces and regional trails.

This corridor has experienced numerous fatal crashes involving cyclists in recent years. The loss of life underscores the need for safety improvements, intersection changes, and a dedicated and separated facility to make the road safe for all users.

Construction of the southern segment is the top priority for implementation and directly aligns with the objectives of the SS4A program.

C4C is in full support of The North Foothills Corridor Safety for All Project in order to fix the existing and ongoing adverse safety conditions and serious injury and fatality outcomes.

Sincerely,

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Matt Muir, Executive Director

Coalition 4 Cyclists, 501(c)(3) | coalition4cyclists.org | matt@c4community.org



Board of County Commissioners

June 17, 2025

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Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Letter of Support and Confirmation of Local Match for Boulder County's SS4A Implementation Grant Application – US 36 North Foothills Bikeway Project

Dear Secretary Duffy and the Evaluation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Boulder County Board of County Commissioners to express our strong support for the county's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant application. Funds will be used to design and construct safety improvements including 3.3 miles of a paved, bi-directional, detached bikeway/shared-use path along US 36 North Foothills Highway.

The US 36 North Foothills corridor is a critical regional connector for community members to access education, employment, and services in Boulder, visitors to travel between Denver and Rocky Mountain National Park, and cyclists to train, recreate, and access open spaces and regional trails. The corridor is a very popular route for both recreational and competitive cyclists despite the lack of protected infrastructure.

This corridor has experienced numerous fatal crashes involving cyclists in recent years. The loss of life underscores the need for safety improvements and a dedicated facility for multimodal users to make the road safer for all travelers. The southern segment has the highest number of bicyclist injuries and fatalities on the corridor and is therefore the top priority segment.

This project has strong support from stakeholders and the community. The county has secured the following local match contributions: \$1 million from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), \$100,000 from the City of Boulder, and \$57,400 from the nonprofit Coalition 4 Cyclists (C4C). Boulder County is prepared to provide the remaining \$4.1 million in local match from the county's Transportation Sales Tax fund when federal funds are awarded. These financial commitments demonstrate the community's desire to advance this project and leverage federal resources to deliver life-saving safety infrastructure.

Commissioner Claire Levy • Commissioner Marta Loachamin • Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann

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SS4A funding will accelerate safety improvements on the US 36 corridor, helping prevent serious injuries and fatal crashes, and improving travel safety for everyone.

We respectfully request your full consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Marta Loachamin, Chair
Boulder County Board of Commissioners