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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write to you today in support of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the City and County of Denver's (Denver) application to the Federal Transit Administration Pilot Program for TOD Planning. If funded, RTD and Denver will help businesses, residents, and stakeholders identify key strategies and next steps to improve economic development while facilitating and promoting increased transit ridership and improved safe pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the Colfax Connected Corridor.

As the Front Range continues to grow, Denver and RTD are leading the effort with partners to work together to regionally manage infrastructure and development in a way that minimizes inequality, protects our natural resources, and supports prosperity for all our residents.

Increasing transit access is a key piece of that puzzle. As a community, we have already invested billions in expanding regional rail and BRT. Denver is now embarking on its first-ever citywide urban transit master plan, which will identify and prioritize high-capacity transit opportunities. As the one corridor so far that been identified as needing enhanced transit, and BRT having already been chosen as the preferred alternative by stakeholders, the Colfax Connected Corridor has the opportunity to serve as the template for new non-rail TOD corridors throughout Denver. The requested funds will allow project partners and stakeholders from Auraria campus downtown all the way to Denver's eastern suburb Aurora to develop an innovative plan that will promote BRT and TOD all along the Front Range.

I strongly support RTD and Denver's application and hope you will give all due consideration to their request. Please contact Eleanor Bastian of my staff at [REDACTED] with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress