

Peaks to Plains Trail



East Clear Creek Canyon Segment

For reference, please see the links below on the Peaks to Plains Trail in Clear Creek Canyon and the on-going project blog (<https://peaks2plains.wordpress.com>).

Big Easy Recreation Area (Upcanyon Segment of the Peaks to Plains Trail):

<https://youtu.be/WKaxuibg0Cg>

<https://youtu.be/bqULMH8hdhU>

<https://youtu.be/0oGFNEz0blo>

Welch Ditch @ the Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment of the P2P Trail:

<https://youtu.be/PCx3dqRp8kc>

Various P2P Trail Videos:

<https://youtu.be/Qfq7ubHt3m4>

<https://youtu.be/Fq4XRMmj6C0>

<https://youtu.be/fNwa-y1fWZE>

https://youtu.be/cF_B3dZ92mY

<https://youtu.be/eo3DXvwB61Y>

<https://youtu.be/RPOy0UNLBw8>

<https://youtu.be/oJVgHuDZ-6A>

<https://youtu.be/uYUmyKrEqso>

<https://youtu.be/RRX3jTDzJRc>

<https://youtu.be/xYsXRDL3EuM>

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- **Colorado the Beautiful Initiative, one of Colorado's 16 Priority Trail Projects:**
<https://cdnr.us/#/cothebeautiful>
- **DRCOG TIP Eligible Bicycle Corridors Map**
<https://drcog.org/resources/636994>
- **State Ballot Initiative #152 Project List**
<https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/documents/2018-agendas-and-supporting-documents/july-2018/6-ballot-list-of-projects-joint-stac-session.pdf>
- **Peaks to Plains Trail Project Blog:** <https://peaks2plains.wordpress.com/>

LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS IDENTIFYING THE PEAKS TO PLAINS TRAIL

Jefferson County Comprehensive Master Plan, Central Mountains Area Plan, pg. 22:
<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/12315/Central-Mountains-Area-Plan?bidId=>

Jefferson Countywide Transportation Plan, pg. 35:
<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/2347/Countywide-Transportation-Plan-PDF>

Jefferson County Bike & Pedestrian Plans:
<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/2336/Bicycle-Plan-PDF>
<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/2338/Pedestrian-Plan-PDF>

2014-2019 Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) 5-Year Master Plan, pg. 7 & pg. 44:
<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/9577/Jeffco-Open-Space-2014-2019-Master-Plan?bidId=>

2018 Jefferson County Adopted Budget, pg. 198:
<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/13140/2018-Adopted-Budget-Book>

2017 Adams County Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan, pg. 1:
<http://www.adcogov.org/ccplan>

2017 Clear Creek County Master Plan, pgs. 9, 29, 30: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/929>

2017 City of Wheat Ridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, pgs. 7, 9, 12, 47:

<http://co-wheatridge3.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/27168/City-of-Wheat-Ridge-Bike-Ped-Master-Plan-Update-FINAL-08-14-17-002?bidId=>

2017 JCOS Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Master Plan, pg. 4 + various:

<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/10590/Mouth-of-Clear-Creek-Canyon-Master-Plan?bidId=>

2016 Town of Georgetown Comprehensive Plan, pg. 23:

<http://www.town.georgetown.co.us/GeorgetownComprehensivePlan/Dec.%2013,%202016%20Comprehensive%20Plan.pdf>

2015 City of Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan, pg. 81, 88 & 93:

<https://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/702/Parks-and-Recreation-Master-Plan-2015?bidId=>

2014 Peaks to Plains Trail Signage Plan: Available upon request

2010 Golden Vision 2030 Plan, pg. 17:

https://www.cityofgolden.net/media/GV2030_%20Final_120910.pdf

2008 Jefferson County Open Space Master Plan, pgs. 15 & 27:

http://www.planjeffco.org/open-space-master-plans/2008_JeffersonCountyOpenSpaceMasterPlan.pdf

2008 Prospect Recreation & Park District Master Plan, pgs. 11, 18, 26 & 41:

https://www.prospectdistrict.org/documents/ProspectDistrictMasterPlan_002.pdf

2006 JCOS Clear Creek Canyon Trail Feasibility Study: Available upon request

2005 Clear Creek County Greenway Plan, pg. 1: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/928>

2005 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Tourism Element of the Clear Creek County Master Plan/Open Space Master Plan, pg. 8, etc: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/669>

2000 Jeffco Open Space Trails Corridor Plan: Available upon request

1992 Clear Creek/I-76 Community Plan (joint with City of Arvada and Jefferson County), pg. 1: <https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/1872/Clear-Creek-and-I-76-Community-Plan-PDF>

1990 Clear Creek County Inter-County Non-Motorized Corridor Plan: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/997>

**DRCOG TIP -ADCOG Subregional Forum Funding Request
Peaks to Plains Trail: 3-Mile East Clear Creek Canyon Segment**

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
DRCOG Regional Funding Secured	\$0	\$0.5 M	\$1.75 M	\$1.75 M	\$4M
Match – Jefferson County Subregional Funding Secured	\$0	\$1 M	\$1.75 M	\$1.75 M	\$4.5 M
Match – Jefferson County Subregional Funding Request	\$0	\$0.375 M	\$0.2 M	\$0.175 M	\$0.75 M
Match – ADCOG Subregional Funding Request	\$0	\$0.125 M	\$0.175 M	\$0.2 M	\$0.5 M
Total DRCOG TIP Request	\$0	\$2 M	\$3.875 M	\$3.875 M	\$9.75 M
Match – JCOS/Partners	\$0	\$2.5 M	\$8.825 M	\$8.825 M	\$20.15 M
Total Funding	\$0	\$4.5 M	\$12.7 M	\$12.7 M	\$29.9 M
Phase to be Initiated		Design/ Permitting	Permitting/ Construction	Construction	

Assumptions:

*67% JCOS/partner match

*33% of total project cost from DRCOG TIP Regional + ADCOG + Jeffco Subregional Funding

Peaks to Plains Trail - 3-Mile East Clear Creek Canyon Segment (West End Tunnel #1 to Huntsman Gulch Trailhead)			
Trail Type/Feature/Task	LF	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Trail Type B (Filled Bench)	4,348	\$1,100	\$4,782,800
Trail Type C (Natural Bench)	2,038	\$550	\$1,120,900
Trail Type D (Existing Grade)	263	\$300	\$78,900
Trail Type E (Unknown)	8,648	\$1,700	\$14,701,600
Bridge #1 (<i>from oxbow at Tunnel #1 across creek</i>) (approximately 130 LF)	N/A	\$600,000	\$600,000
Bridge #2 (<i>@ Narrow Gauge Trailhead</i>) (approximately 130 LF)	N/A	\$600,000	\$600,000
Bridge #3 (<i>@ Huntsman Gulch Trailhead</i>) (approximately 130 LF)	N/A	\$600,000	\$600,000
Huntsman Gulch Trailhead	N/A	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Narrow Gauge Trailhead	N/A	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Underpass @ Huntsman Gulch Trailhead	N/A	\$350,000	\$350,000
Threatened Species Mitigation	N/A	\$168,000	\$168,000
Mobilization	N/A	\$300,000	\$300,000
Site Prep and Erosion Control	N/A	\$300,000	\$300,000
Traffic Control	N/A	\$170,000	\$170,000
Design & Permitting	N/A	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
SUBTOTAL	15,297		\$27,272,200
Contingency 10%			\$2,727,220
TOTAL			\$29,999,420

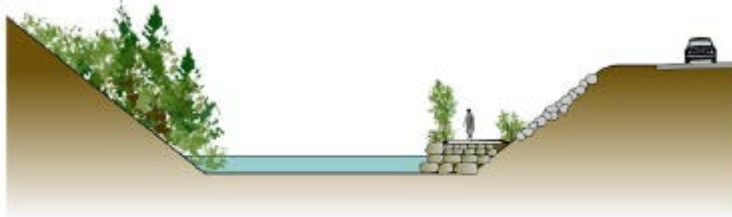
*15,297 LF of trail + 390 LF (130 LF/bridge) = 15,687 LF of total trail, or approximately 2.97 miles

Peaks to Plains Trail

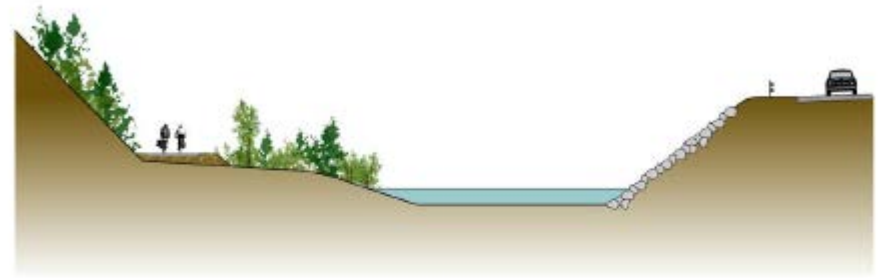
East Clear Creek Canyon Segment



TYPE B - Filled Bench



TYPE C - Natural Bench

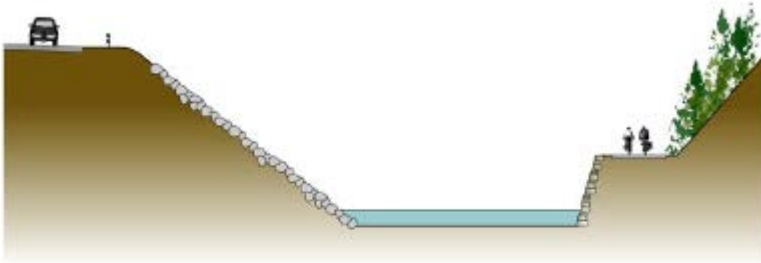


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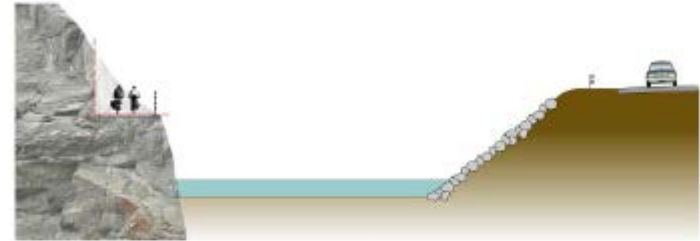


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TYPE D - Existing Grade



TYPE E - Special Conditions (i.e. Rock Bench)



Peaks to Plains Trail - East Clear Creek Canyon Segment 1.5 miles from West end of Tunnel #1 to Narrow Gauge Trailhead			
Trail Type/Feature	LF	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Trail Type B (Filled Bench)	1,101	\$1,100	\$1,211,100
Trail Type D (Existing Grade)	472	\$300	\$141,600
Trail Type E (Unknown)	5,767	\$1,700	\$9,803,900
Bridge #1 (<i>from oxbow at Tunnel #1 across creek</i>)	N/A	\$600,000	\$600,000
Bridge #2 (<i>@ Narrow Gauge Trailhead</i>)	N/A	\$600,000	\$600,000
Narrow Gauge Trailhead	1	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Threatened Species Mitigation	N/A	\$100,000	\$100,000
Mobilization	N/A	\$150,000	\$150,000
Site Prep and Erosion Control	N/A	\$150,000	\$150,000
Traffic Control	N/A	\$87,500	\$87,500
Design & Permitting	N/A	\$550,000	\$550,000
SUBTOTAL	6,600		\$14,594,100
Contingency 9%			\$1,313,469
TOTAL			\$15,907,569

*7,340 LF of trail + 260 LF (130 LF/bridge) = 7,600 LF of total trail, or approximately 1.44 miles



COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Region 1

August 29, 2018

Nancy York
Planning Supervisor, Jefferson County
700 Jeffco Pkwy, Suite 100
Golden, CO 80401

RE: CDOT Region 1 Support Request for DRCOG TIP Regional Call FY20-FY23

Dear Ms. York,

This letter is to inform you that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 1 concurs with the following Jefferson County Open Space application for the DRCOG Regional FY20-23 TIP Call. This concurrence applies only for the Peaks to Plains Trail – 3 Mile East Canyon Segment project, in the event this project is selected by DRCOG as a regional project on or around December 31st, 2018. If this regional project is awarded DRCOG funds at a later date, the local agency will need to reaffirm CDOT's concurrence at that time.

This concurrence is conditionally granted based on the scope as described. CDOT does however retain final decision-making authority for all improvements and changes within CDOT's right of way. As the project progresses the local agency will need to work closely with CDOT Region staff to ensure CDOT's continued concurrence.

This project must comply with all CDOT and/or FHWA requirements including those associated with clearance for Right of Way, Utilities, and Environmental. All costs associated with clearances including right of way acquisition, utilities relocation, and environmental mitigation measures, such as wetland creation, must be included in the project costs. CDOT staff will assist you in determining which clearances are required for your project. The CDOT Local Agency Manual includes project requirements to assist with contracting, design, and construction, which can be accessed at:

http://www.coloradodot.info/business/designsupport/bulletins_manuals

Should you have any questions regarding this concurrence or if your agency would like to schedule time to meet with CDOT specialty units, please contact JoAnn Mattson at (303) 757-9866.

Sincerely,

Paul Jesaitis
CDOT Region 1 Transportation Director

Commissioner Szabo moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. CC18-308

RE: Parks - Open Space - Grant Application and Acceptance - Denver Regional Council of Governments Transportation Improvements Program (DRCOG TIP) Peaks to Plains Trail - East Clear Creek Canyon Segment Funding Pursuit

Resolved that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves (1) submission of a \$4 million Denver Regional Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program application for regional funding in the 2020-2023 TIP cycle for the Peaks to Plains Trail - East Clear Creek Canyon Segment; and (2) the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to affirm and certify the application and, if funding is approved, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for disbursement of TIP funds.

Commissioner Francone seconded the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:


Commissioner Libby Szabo	Aye
Commissioner Tina Francone	Aye
Commissioner Casey Tighe, Chairman	Aye

The Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Dated: September 11, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Donald J. Davis, County Manager 

RE: DRCOG TIP – Peaks to Plains Trail – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment Funding Pursuit

DATE: September 11, 2018

Staff Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners authorize (1) submission of a \$4 million Denver Regional Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program application for regional funding in the 2020-2023 TIP cycle for the Peaks to Plains Trail - East Clear Creek Canyon Segment; and (2) the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to affirm and certify the application and, if funding is approved, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for disbursement of TIP funds.

Resolution No. CC18-308

Background:

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has called for project proposals that would be funded from the federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Jeffco Collaborative Transportation Forum selected the Peaks to Plains Trail (P2P Trail) – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment (P2P Project) as one of the proposals for submission to DRCOG. DRCOG's TIP Regional Call for projects closes on September 21, 2018.

The scope of this estimated \$30 million P2P Project is anticipated to include a 3-mile segment of trail, three pedestrian bridges, one improved underpass beneath U.S. Highway 6, multiple creek access points and two parking lots totaling approximately 100 spaces. This segment is critical to closing the gap in the P2P Trail, a legacy project of statewide significance. The P2P Trail was chosen as one of Colorado's 16 highest priority trail projects through Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful Initiative.

The P2P Trail through Clear Creek Canyon in Jefferson County is part of a greater 65-mile trail corridor that will serve the 3+ million Front Range residents of the largest urban population center in the State. It will connect four counties (Clear Creek, Jefferson, Denver and Adams) and seven cities, with an elevation drop of one mile from the Continental Divide at Loveland Pass to the South Platte Greenway in Adams County. The P2P Trail is a critical part of a larger trail system to connect Denver International Airport to Glenwood Springs.

Currently, bicycle and pedestrian activity is prohibited on Highway 6 through Clear Creek Canyon due to narrow, dimly lit tunnels, blind curves and the lack of road shoulder. By creating an alternative for pedestrians and cyclists, separated from vehicles, the P2P Trail will enhance safety for both recreationalists and motorists.

Jeffco has been working with its transportation partners across the Denver metropolitan region and has submitted requests to both Adams County and Denver subregions to assist in funding the Project. Funding requests have also been made to partners who had contributed funding on previous P2P Trail projects in Clear Creek Canyon including the cities of Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge as well as Apex Park & Recreation District and Prospect Recreation & Park District.

Fiscal Impact:

If the P2P Project is funded through the 2020-2023 DRCOG TIP, the County will match approximately \$20 million from the Jeffco Open Space fund and contributions from P2P Project partners.

BCC Briefing Presented on: August 14, 2018 (Transportation & Engineering)

Original returned to:

Nancy York, Planning Supervisor, Jeffco Open Space

Distribution:

Nancy York, Rosanna Janzer, Clerk to the Board, Steve Snyder

CONTRACT REVIEW ROUTING FORM

Parties to Contract: Jefferson County

Project: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Grant Pursuit for Peaks to Plains Trail – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment

Process Dates: Must be executed by BCC: September 11, 2018 Deadline to County Manager: September 4, 2018

Contacts: Originating Department/Contact: Open Space/ Nancy York Phone: 303-271-5966
County Attorney/Contact: Steve Snyder Phone: 303-271-8926

MANDATORY ACCOUNT INFORMATION				Total Amount:	\$20,000,000
Account Number:	753001.457336	Project:	P2P Trail	Funds Available:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

ROUTING

O R D E R	Department	Authorized Signatures Name/Initials (*)	Date Rec'd	Date Forward	Comments
	Originator	<i>Nmy</i>			
	Department/Division Director	<i>Toutloby</i>	<i>8/30/18</i>	<i>8/30/18</i>	
	County Attorney	<i>SLG</i>	<i>8/30/18</i>	<i>8/30/18</i>	
	Director of Accounting	<i>Clairie Farnsworth for DF</i>	<i>8/30/18</i>	<i>8/30/18</i>	
	BCC Agenda Coordinator	<i>AMM</i>			

INSTRUCTIONS

- (*) Initials of reviewer indicate that the contract is acceptable and ready for BCC action, from reviewer's perspective.
 (**) Signature of authorized department contact for contractual questions.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Donald J. Davis, County Manager

RE: Applications for Transportation Improvement Program Grants

DATE: February 26, 2019

Staff Recommendation: Authorize staff to submit the following grant applications for the following projects to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) as part of its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) call for projects:

- Jefferson County Road 73 – SH 74 to Buffalo Park Road
- Colfax Sidewalk – Poppy Street to I70
- Jefferson County Bike and Ped Plan Update
- 32nd Avenue Bike Lanes – Ford Street to Eldridge Street
- Front Range Trail Planning Study
- Peaks to Plains Trail (supplementary federal funding)

Resolution No.

Background: The DRCOG TIP program is a four-year cycle during which federal funding is made available for qualifying transportation projects. In the current cycle there will also be additional state funding available for multimodal projects. All local government jurisdictions within the boundaries of the County are eligible to apply for approximately \$33 million in federal funding in this current round of funding.

Fiscal Impact:

Local match amounts would impact the Road & Bridge and Open Space funds depending on number of grants awarded and ability to secure contributions from other local entities. Total cost to Road & Bridge and Open Space funds between 2020 and 2023 could be as much as \$5.55 million and \$1.3125 million respectively, with state and federal revenues to the County as much as \$15.175 million.

BCC Briefing Presented on: February 12, 2019

Originator: Steve Durian, Transportation & Engineering Director

Distribution:

Jeanie Rossillon, Development & Transportation Director
Steve Durian, Transportation & Engineering Director
Kourtney Hartmann, Deputy County Attorney
Nancy York, Open Space Planning Supervisor

Jefferson County Collaborative Transportation Forum

September 18, 2018

Nancy York, Planning Supervisor
Jefferson County Open Space
700 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, Colorado 80419

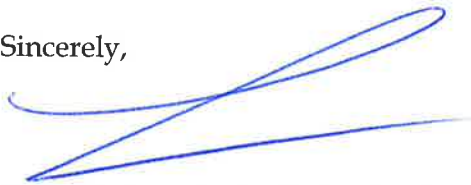
Dear Nancy York, Planning Supervisor

On behalf of the Jefferson County Collaborative Transportation Forum, I am writing to notify you that the Forum has designated \$4.5 million of its allocated federal subregional funding for the regional application to the Denver Regional Council of Governments for Peaks-to-Plains Trail, East Canyon Segment. This funding has been identified for the following years:

Fiscal Year 2021:	\$1.0 million
Fiscal Year 2022:	\$1.75 million
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$1.75 million
Total:	\$4.5 million

The Forum has received your request to contribute up to an additional \$1.25 million in subregional funds to the project. The Forum will consider this request at a future date if your application is approved for regional funding by DRCOG.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Libby Szabo, Chair
Jefferson County Collaborative Transportation Forum

September 12, 2018

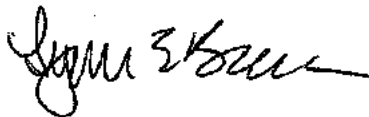
Chair Libby Szabo
Jefferson County Subregional Forum
100 Jefferson County Pkwy
Golden, CO 80419

Dear Chair Szabo,

The Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Subregional Forum has received a request from Jefferson County Open Space and the Jefferson County Collaborative Transportation Forum to contribute \$500,000 in subregional pool funds toward a regional Transportation Improvement Program application. The ADCOG Subregional Forum supports the Peaks to Plains Trail project as an important regional and statewide multi-modal project and believes the project would be an excellent candidate for regional project funding from DRCOG.

The ADCOG Subregional Forum will further evaluate Jefferson County's contribution request alongside other project funding requests in upcoming months during to the DRCOG call for subregional project proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Baca", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Baca
Chair of the Adams County Subregional Forum

September 17th, 2018

Steve Durian, Director
Jefferson County Government
Transportation and Engineering
100 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 3500
Golden, CO 80419

**RE: DRCOG 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
SUPPORT FROM DENVER SUBREGIONAL FORUM – REGIONAL PROJECT APPLICATION FOR PEAKS
TO PLAINS TRAIL**

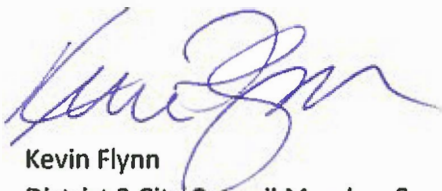
Dear Mr. Durian:

This letter serves to confirm that Denver's DRCOG Subregional Forum has agreed to support the Peaks to Plains Trail project for a Regional Share application with a letter of support for the 2020-2023 cycle. The Forum has declined the request to financially support this project.

The Forum appreciates your time and effort in submitting this request for support.

If you have any questions or require further documentation, please do not hesitate in contacting me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Kevin Flynn
District 2 City Council Member &
Chair of Denver Subregional Forum

Peaks to Plains Trail - Clear Creek Canyon Partnership Funding History & Future Planning for Design/Construction*			
Entity	Year	Dollar Amount Committed	Comment
Apex Park & Recreation District	2012	\$10,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Apex Park & Recreation District	2016	\$20,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Apex Park & Recreation District	2023	\$20,000	DRCOG TIP
Arvada, City of	2012	\$25,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Arvada, City of	2016	\$70,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Arvada, City of	2023	\$50,000	DRCOG TIP
CDOT Transportation Alternative Program	2016	\$850,650	Mouth of the Canyon Grant Award
Clear Creek County	2012	\$4,000,000	1-mile upcanyon segment @ county line
Golden, City of	2012	\$25,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Golden, City of	2016	\$200,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Golden, City of	2023	\$150,000	DRCOG TIP
Great Outdoors Colorado	2012	\$4,600,000	River Corridors Initiative Grant Award
Great Outdoors Colorado	2016	\$2,000,000	GOCO Connect Initiative Grant Award
Jeffco Open Space	1993 - 2009	\$14,000,000	Clear Creek Canyon Park Land Acquisition - 44 transactions
Jeffco Open Space	2009	\$2,000,000	Mayhem Gulch Trailhead
Jeffco Open Space	2012	\$20,000,000	3-mile upcanyon segment @ county line
Jeffco Open Space	2016	\$6,000,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Jeffco Open Space	2021-2023	\$20,000,000	DRCOG TIP
Jeffco Outdoors Foundation	2012	\$25,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Jeffco Outdoors Foundation	2016	\$110,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Jeffco Outdoors Foundation	2016	\$25,000	CDOT TAP Grant Mouth of the Canyon - Local Match
Lakewood, City of	2012	\$25,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Lakewood, City of	2016	\$50,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Lakewood, City of	2023	\$50,000	DRCOG TIP
Prospect Recreation & Park District	2012	\$10,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match

Prospect Recreation & Park District	2016	\$20,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Prospect Recreation & Park District	2023	\$20,000	DRCOG TIP
Team Evergreen Bicycle Club	2012	\$5,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Team Evergreen Bicycle Club	2016	\$5,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Wheat Ridge, City of	2012	\$25,000	GOCO River Corridors Grant - Local Match
Wheat Ridge, City of	2016	\$25,000	GOCO Connect Grant - Local Match
Wheat Ridge, City of	2023	\$50,000	DRCOG TIP
TOTAL		\$74,465,650	



September 7, 2018

DRCOG TIP

c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

**RE: Peaks to Plains Trail – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment for 2020-2023 DRCOG TIP
Regional Call for Projects**

Dear Mr. Cottrell,

The purpose of this letter is to pledge continued support for the Peaks to Plains (P2P) Trail project in Clear Creek Canyon, specifically for the East Clear Creek Canyon Segment for 2020-2023 DRCOG TIP Regional Call for Projects.

The Peaks to Plains Trail is a transformational, legacy bike and pedestrian project, which will greatly benefit the Denver metropolitan region trail connectivity. The trail will bring additional tourist revenues to the communities along its alignment, contribute to a reduction in traffic congestion, and improve air quality. This will be accomplished through expanding and increasing the reliability of the metro transportation system by allowing for cycling and pedestrian trips to a key, nature-based recreational amenity in Clear Creek Canyon.

We are delighted to have previously collaborated and contributed financially with Jefferson County Open Space on the initial two phases of this significant trail project.

Golden is a mecca for hiking and biking. Bicycle and pedestrian activity is prohibited on Highway 6, west of Golden, through Clear Creek Canyon due to narrow, dimly lit tunnels, blind curves, and the lack of road shoulder. By creating an alternative for pedestrians and cyclists, separated from vehicles, this multimodal project will significantly improve safety for both recreationalists and motorists.

This 3-mile trail segment is a feat of engineering requiring highly technical trail construction work due to the narrow, steep canyon shared by Clear Creek and Highway 6. It is a critical piece of closing the gap in the Peaks to Plains (P2P) Trail, a legacy project of statewide significance, having been chosen one of Colorado's 16 highest priority trail projects through Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful Initiative.

Please consider this letter as confirmation that subject to future City Council approval, we are willing to consider some level of financial support for this third phase of the Peaks to Plains Project. Golden citizens would receive many benefits from the key components of this new phase of the trail, building on our continued investment to our popular trails along Clear Creek.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Rod Tarullo
Director of Parks, Recreation, and Golf

Cc. Jason Slowinski, City Manager
Jeff Hansen, Finance Director
Dan Hartman, Public Works Director



City of Wheat Ridge Parks & Recreation Administration 4005 Kipling St. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033-4125 P: 303.231.1300 F: 303.420.0316

September 7, 2018

DRCOG TIP

c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202
RE: Plains to Peaks Trail – Clear Creek Canyon Segment

Dear Mr. Cottrell,

The City of Wheat Ridge is pleased to partner once again with Jefferson County Open Space, as well as other agencies in Jefferson County, on the Peaks to Plans Trail – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment for 2020-2023.

This project is of regional importance in providing trail connectivity. A seven mile portion of the Clear Creek Trail is located in the City of Wheat Ridge and to provide the opportunity to complete an additional segment and unique recreational opportunity through the Clear Creek Canyon is significant. The project will provide the entire Front Range an opportunity within the canyon for a safe and beautiful outdoor experience.

The City of Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department will contribute \$50,000 to this project, subject to availability of funds and City Council approval for an appropriation in the 2023 budget.

Sincerely,

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Joyce Manwaring
Parks and Recreation Director

CC: Patrick Goff, City Manager



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September 12, 2018

DRCOG TIP

c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

To Whom It My Concern:

The City of Lakewood is excited to support Jefferson County Open Space's (JCOS) Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects for the Peaks to Plains (P2P) Trail. This essential project includes the East Clear Creek Canyon segment. This estimated \$30 million project includes a 3-mile segment of trail, three pedestrian bridges, one improved underpass beneath U.S. Highway 6, multiple creek access points and two parking lots totaling approximately 100 spaces. Because Lakewood's residents stand to gain increased recreational benefit from this project, the City is enthusiastically supporting this project and will contribute financially as well, pending future budget allocations and approval by City Council.

The P2P Trail through Clear Creek Canyon in Jefferson County is part of a greater 65-mile trail corridor of that will serve the 3+ million Front Range residents of the largest urban population center in the State. It will connect four counties (Clear Creek, Jefferson, Denver and Adams) and seven cities, with an elevation drop of one mile from the Continental Divide at Loveland Pass to the South Platte Greenway in Adams County. The P2P is a critical missing gap in the larger 200-mile trail system ultimately connecting Denver International Airport to Glenwood Springs.

Existing conditions on Highway 6 prohibit bicycle and pedestrian activity in what is a beautiful area of our state. It takes regional coordination, support and leadership to create such an impactful project that will benefit Colorado residents for generations to come. This feat of engineering will significantly improve safety for both recreationalists and motorists through the Clear Creek canyon and Highway 6. The project will reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and provide a nature-based recreational amenity in Clear Creek Canyon and beyond.

We are proud to join with JCOS and other local entities to offer both our whole hearted support and a financial commitment to see this project come to fruition. We strongly encourage DRCOG's support of this project. In Jefferson County, and throughout this beautiful state, we are blessed with an abundance of partners, such as JCOS and DRCOG, with whom we share a common passion for protecting our natural resources. This project presents an incredible opportunity for a number of agencies to work together to create a unique destination for our residents and visitors.

Please contact me directly at 303-987-7822 should you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kit Newland'.

Kit Newland
Director



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September 12, 2018

DRCOG TIP

C/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner

1009 17th Street, Ste. 700

Denver, CO 80202

Re: 2020-2023 DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project

Dear Todd,

The purpose of this letter is to pledge support from the City of Arvada Parks, Golf and Hospitality for the Peaks to Plains Trail Project and for Jefferson County Open Space 2020-2023 DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Request. We welcome the opportunity to be partners on this impressive undertaking. Please consider this letter confirmation that we are willing to contribute \$50,000 should this grant be approved, pending future city approval.

The citizens of Arvada will benefit greatly from an extension of the Clear Creek Trail as it heads west into Clear Creek Canyon. The elements of this project will undoubtedly bring people to the water's edge in droves to enjoy the unique, natural setting of the Canyon. We look forward to the day when it is fully connected to the remainder of the trail corridor from Loveland Pass to the confluence with the South Platte River Trail. Thank you for your efforts in pursuing this welcomed addition to our regional area.

Sincerely yours,

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Gordon Reusink

Director of Parks, Golf and Hospitality



PROSPECT RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

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September 6, 2018

DRCOG TIP

c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
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Dear DRCOG,

Prospect Recreation & Park District (PRPD) is pleased to support Jefferson County Open Space's (JCOS) DRCOG TIP funding application for the Peaks to Plains Trail - East Canyon Segment for 2020 - 2023. To date, PRPD has committed \$30,000 to JCOS in support of two separate phases of the Peaks to Plains Trail. PRPD fully intends to participate financially in JCOS's DRCOG TIP funding application. PRPD will contribute \$20,000, subject to availability of funds and appropriation in the 2023 budget.

JCOS is to be commended for the amazing sections of the Peaks to Plains Trail that have been completed thus far. Clear Creek Canyon is an wonderful natural resource. The regional significance, indeed statewide significance, of the Peaks to Plains Trail cannot be overstated. The trail connections and recreational and educational opportunities that the East Canyon Segment will provide are extremely important. The opportunity to once again partner with JCOS to expand the Peaks to Plains Trail has been wholeheartedly embraced by the Board of Directors of PRPD.

Sincerely,

Mike Hanson

Mike Hanson
District Manager



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DRCOG TIP

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Re: Letter of Support

The Board of Directors of the Apex Park and Recreation District (Apex) supports the *Peaks to Plains Trail – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment for 2020-2023 DRCOG TIP Regional Call for Projects*

This \$30 million project including, a 3-mile segment of trail, three pedestrian bridges, one improved underpass beneath U.S. Highway 6, multiple creek access points and two parking lots will provide our citizens expanded access to this vital natural resource. Closing the gap in the Peaks to Plains (P2P) Trail, a legacy project of statewide significance, having been chosen one of Colorado's 16 highest priority trail projects through Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful Initiative. The P2P is a critical missing gap in the larger 200-mile trail system ultimately connecting Denver International Airport to Glenwood Springs.

Apex has supported previous segments of this trail, in the amount of \$30,000 and are pleased to commit, pending board approval, an additional \$20,000 towards this application.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Glenn, President

Apex Park and Recreation District

Peaks to Plains Trail - Clear Creek Canyon Partnership History		
Entity	Year	Grant Pursuit
Apex Park & Recreation District	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Bicycle Colorado	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Bicycle Colorado	2023	\$4 M DRCOG TIP - P2P: East Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Bicycle Colorado	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Bike Jeffco	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Bike Jeffco	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Bike Jeffco	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Church Ditch Water Authority	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
City of Golden	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
City of Lakewood	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
City of Wheat Ridge	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Clear Creek County	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Clear Creek County	2023	\$4 M DRCOG TIP - P2P: East Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Clear Creek Land Conservancy	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Clear Creek Land Conservancy	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Clear Creek Rafting Company	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Clear Creek School District RE-1	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Clear Creek Watershed Foundation	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Clear Creek Watershed Foundation	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Colorado Mountain Club	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment

Entity	Year	Grant Pursuit
Colorado Mountain Club	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Colorado School of Mines	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Colorado School of Mines Track & Field Team	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Gold Prospectors of the Rockies	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Gold Prospectors of the Rockies	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Gold Prospectors of the Rockies	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Jeffco Outdoors Foundation	2023	\$4 M DRCOG TIP - P2P: East Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Jeffco Outdoors Foundation	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
PLAN Jeffco	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
PLAN Jeffco	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
PLAN Jeffco	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Prospect Recreation & Park District	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Team Evergreen Bicycle Club	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
The Access Fund	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
The Access Fund	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
The Access Fund	2016	\$850,650 CDOT TAP - P2P: Oxbow @ Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment
Trout Unlimited - West Denver Chapter	2012	\$4.6 M GOCO River Corridors Grant - P2P: Upcanyon Segment
Trout Unlimited - West Denver Chapter	2016	\$2 M GOCO Connect Grant - P2P: Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment



September 13, 2018

DRCOG TIP
c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Todd,

Bicycle Colorado fully supports funding the East Clear Creek Canyon segment of the Peaks to Plains Trail as part of the 2020-2023 DRCOG TIP funding effort. The Peaks to Plains Trail was identified as one of Colorado's 16 highest priority trail projects by Governor John Hickenlooper in 2016, and this three-mile segment of the trail is a crucial connection of a greater corridor that will serve more than 3 million Front Range residents, as well as countless visitors to our state who come here to experience Colorado's great outdoors.

In addition to the economic benefits this trail connection can bring to the state, this segment of the Peaks to Plains Trail will also provide important health and safety benefits for everyone who will ride it. Bicycle and pedestrian activity is prohibited on Highway 6 through Clear Creek Canyon due to a design that's dangerous to anyone outside of a motor vehicle. By creating an alternative for people who ride bicycles and pedestrians, this multimodal project will significantly improve safety for all road users while encouraging active modes of transportation.

With funding from DRCOG's TIP effort, The Peaks to Plains Trail will be a transformational, legacy bike and pedestrian project, one that will greatly benefit the Denver metropolitan region trail connectivity. The trail will bring additional tourist revenues to the state and contribute to a reduction in traffic congestion and improve air quality by expanding and increasing the reliability of the metro transportation system by allowing for bicycling and pedestrian trips to a key, nature-based recreational amenity in Clear Creek Canyon.

On behalf of our 10,000 members, Bicycle Colorado works to make our great state the best place to ride a bicycle. This section of the Peaks to Plains Trail may seem small at only three miles long, but in connecting more than 65 miles of additional trail corridor, this will go a long way in making Colorado more bicycle-friendly.

We encourage DRCOG to fund this project, and we look forward to celebrating the completion of this amazing trail network with our members and Colorado's many outdoor enthusiasts.

With gratitude,

Pete Piccolo
Executive Director, Bicycle Colorado
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17 September, 2018

DRCOG TIP
c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
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Sirs:

The Jeffco Outdoors Foundation is pleased to offer our support to the grant request of Jefferson County Open Space for partial funding of the East Clear Creek Canyon Segment of the Peaks to Plains Trail.


The role of the Foundation is to serve as a conveyance of gifts to the Open Space program and to encourage and subsidize non-motorized use of the natural areas preserved by the Open Space program. A major activity of the Foundation is to cover the transportation costs and any fees for students at schools with moderate to high percentages of students receiving free and reduced lunches to visit parks and nature centers to encourage their appreciation of natural areas.

The roles of both Jefferson County Open Space and the Foundation both have been successful. As the population of the Metropolitan area increases a larger number of persons desire to exercise and recreate in the natural areas of Jefferson County. This pressure for nature-based recreation means that it is imperative for the program to continually acquire natural areas, develop suitable trails, and provide access to the natural areas.

The Peaks to Plains Trail is an opportunity to provide non-motorized access to natural areas in Jefferson County and beyond. Although its completion may not significantly reduce the pressure, it also will allow access to numerous natural areas west of Jefferson County.

The Foundation encourages DRCOG to include the East Clear Creek Canyon Segment in the 2020-2023 DRCOG TIP projects.

Sincerely,


John Litz, Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffco Outdoors Foundation, Inc

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September 10, 2018

DRCOG TIP Regional Call for Projects
c/o Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
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RE: Peaks to Plains Trail – East Clear Creek Canyon Segment for 2020-2023
DRCOG TIP Regional Call for Projects

Dear DRCOG TIP Grant Review Committee,

Jefferson County and Clear Creek County have shared the vision of the Peaks to Plains Trail for many years and have worked together to make the Trail a reality. Through our partnership, we are committed to furthering the development of this 65-mile corridor of statewide significance stretching from Loveland Pass at the Continental Divide to its terminus at the South Platte River Trail in Adams County. This corridor will provide an off-highway experience with frequent access to Clear Creek for the over 3 million Front Range residents of the largest urban population center in the State of Colorado.

Jefferson County Open Space is seeking funding for a significant trail segment that includes 3-miles of trail, three pedestrian bridges, one improved underpass beneath U.S. Highway 6, multiple creek access points and two parking lots totaling approximately 100 spaces. Building this 3-mile trail segment will be a feat of engineering requiring highly technical trail construction work due to the narrow, steep canyon shared by Clear Creek and Highway 6. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$30 million.

This segment is a critical piece in the efforts to close the current gap in the Peaks to Plains (P2P) Trail that exists in the Jefferson County portion of Clear Creek Canyon. Closing this gap is important because bicycle and pedestrian activity is prohibited on Highway 6 through Clear Creek Canyon due to narrow, dimly lit tunnels, blind curves, and the lack of road shoulder. By creating an alternative for pedestrians and cyclists, separated from vehicles, this multimodal project will significantly improve safety for both recreationalists and motorists.



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Building the P2P Trail is a legacy project of statewide significance having been chosen as one of Colorado's 16 highest priority trails by Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful Initiative. The P2P Trail through Clear Creek Canyon in Jefferson County is part of a greater 65-mile trail corridor that will connect with the Front Range Trail and other trails that serve over 3 million Front Range residents. It will connect four counties (Clear Creek, Jefferson, Denver and Adams) and seven cities, with an elevation drop of one mile from the Continental Divide at Loveland Pass to the South Platte Greenway in Adams County mile through some of the most spectacular scenery Colorado has to offer. In looking at the statewide trail network envisioned, the P2P Trail is a critical missing gap in the larger 200-mile trail system ultimately connecting Denver International Airport to Glenwood Springs.

The Peaks to Plains Trail is a transformational, legacy bike and pedestrian project which will greatly benefit the Denver metropolitan region trail connectivity. The trail will bring additional tourist revenues to the communities along its alignment. It will also contribute to a reduction in traffic congestion and improve air quality by expanding and increasing the reliability of the metro transportation system by allowing for cycling and pedestrian trips to a key, nature-based recreational amenity in Clear Creek Canyon.

The Clear Creek County Open Space Commission thanks you for your consideration of Jefferson County Open Space's grant application. If we can provide any additional information or answer any questions, please contact me at 303-679-2305 or htableman@co.clear-creek.co.us

Sincerely,

Martha Tableman

Martha Tableman
Open Space Coordinator
Clear Creek County