

February 25, 2019

Amazon DEN3 Fulfilment Center
14601 Grant Street
Thornton, Colorado 80023

RE: Letter of Support for Smart Commute Metro North's TIP grant application: **Flexible Micro Transit Service and Mobility to Support the Underserved Workforce Needs in the North I-25 Area**

Dear Grant Evaluators,

As a major employer located at the intersection of I-25 and 144th, we are writing this letter in support of Smart Commute Metro North's sub-regional TIP Grant application which focuses on addressing the challenging demands of shift work and weekend transportation service needs for the workforce at 144th and I-25. Currently there are inadequate mobility options for the 5 major workforce centers in this area, representing over 5000 jobs. RTD Express bus service ends at the 120th Wagon Road Park n Ride, and the very limited local connecting service only runs Monday through Friday with service ending at 7 o'clock and doesn't accommodate the work shift schedules of most employees.

Lack of mobility options, particularly transit service, has been a recruitment and retention challenge for Amazon at this location. An origin –destination scatter map indicates a large number of employees live within Adams County but not close enough to walk or bike to work. A transit connection to the 120th Wagon Road Park n Ride will provide much needed service for residents throughout Adams County to enter the workforce for newly created jobs in this part of Adams County.

We believe this grant application focusing on multimodal options including transit service and the incorporation of a robust ridesharing program will not only connect this underserved region to the larger existing multimodal region, and add to a vibrant regional economy, but brings together RTD, the City of Westminster, the City of Thornton and major employers for a collaborative solution .

Sincerely,

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