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RE: Smart Commute Metro North Flexible Micro Transit Service & Mobility Options to Support the Underserved Workforce Needs in the North I-25 Area

Dear Mr. Rex and Chair Baca:

The City of Thornton supports Smart Commute Metro North’s project for workforce mobility options for Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding for submittal through the Adams County Council of Government (ADCOG) Subregional TIP process. Thornton is planning on financial participation of $60,000 for the project.

This project provides workforce mobility options and meets DRCOG’s TIP Focus Areas in addition to several other DRCOG Metro Vision objectives by:

* Improving mobility infrastructure for vulnerable populations;
* Increasing reliability of the existing multimodal transportation network;
* Improving transportation safety and security;
* Helping focus and facilitate growth in an area other infrastructure exists, is under construction or planned;
* Enhancing transit and pedestrian movement and safety;
* Reducing congestion;
* Increasing access to amenities that support healthy, active choices, and opportunities; and
* Promoting the economic health and vitality in the area.

In addition, it meets the following ADCOG Forum additional considerations of providing a suburban connector between Westminster and Thornton, addressing a gap in existing service, and is the next logical step for 120th Avenue.

Sincerely,

Heidi K. Williams

Mayor

cc: Thornton City Council