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RE: Northglenn Subregional Application for 120th Avenue between Washington Street and York Street

Dear Mr. Rex and Chair Baca:

The City of Thornton supports Northglenn’s 120th Avenue project between Washington Street and York Street for Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding for submittal through the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Subregional TIP process. Thornton is planning on financial participation of $165,000 for the project.

DRCOG classifies 120th Avenue as a Major Regional Arterial in DRCOG’s Regional Transportation Plan. This project widening 120th Avenue to six lanes 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;
* Connecting people to recreational areas and natural resources;
* 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 benefiting a small community, being a suburban connector, addressing a gap in pedestrian connections, and is the next logical step for 120th Avenue.

Sincerely,

Heidi K. Williams

Mayor

cc: Thornton City Council