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Subject: CASTA Statewide Transit Improvement Project CDS request

Dear State Director Friedman and Regional Representative Whitney,

We strongly support the Colorado Association of Transit Agency (CASTA)'s Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request for the CASTA Statewide Transit Improvement Project. This consolidated request includes seven top priority transit projects from around the state, selected for their shovel-readiness, availability of matching funds, and potential to improve mobility, safety, and environmental sustainability.

We are thankful that our project, the Lake Creek Village Improvements and On-Route Charging Infrastructure Project, was submitted to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Housing, & Urban Development Committee by Senator Bennet. This project includes the installation of on-route electric charging infrastructure and site safety improvements at a high volume transit station adjacent to a County-owned affordable apartment community. This project is an important element of our fleet electrification efforts and provides significant community benefits including improved access to jobs, services, and recreation; enhanced pedestrian safety; better air quality; and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

We understand that THUD has received many CDS requests and that not all will be funded. We urge Senator Bennet to ensure that all of the CASTA State Transit Improvement Projects, including the Lake Creek Village Improvements and On-Route Charging Infrastructure Project, make it into the FY22 Appropriations bill.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding the importance of the CASTA CDS request to Eagle County.

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr
Chair

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner

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Commissioner