

Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20510

September 25, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write in support of the City and County of Denver's (CCD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Access and Equity grant program funding. If awarded, CCD will connect the three most underserved neighborhoods in Denver with its Reconnecting Globeville and Elyria Swansea Project.

The Globeville and Elyria Swansea communities are separated by the South Platte River, freight rail lines, and interstate highways. If awarded, the Bettie Cram Drive Bridge across the South Platte River and the 48th Ave greenway with multimodal transportation options would reconnect these neighborhoods. Other benefits would include improved connections to public transit stations and more easily accessible outdoor recreation spaces for residents. These new routes would allow alternative travel paths, including active transportation infrastructure, that avoid highways and long detours. This Project will create connections to the National Western Center, Downtown Denver, and the Denver International Airport and provide these neighborhoods with increased access to Denver's economic and employment centers.

We encourage you to give the City and County of Denver's application your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our offices of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator



Diana DeGette
Member of Congress