

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 6, 2024

The Honorable Amit Bose  
Federal Railroad Administration  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose,

We write in support of Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)'s application to the Federal Railroad Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. If awarded, the project will fund a centralized traffic control (CTC) signal system, Positive Train Control ("PTC") and safety sliding on a portion of the BNSF Front Range Subdivision

A BNSF freight train derailed in Boulder earlier this month near the local hospital and destroyed a rail bridge, injuring two crew members. The Front Range Subdivision, where this derailment occurred, is "dark" and has no signal or PTC system that is designed to prevent collisions and derailments from obstructed tracks.

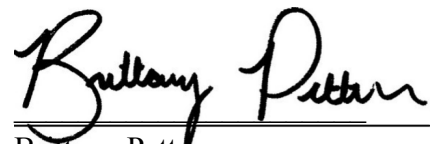
This project will design, install, and test CTC and PTC with a complementary siding along a priority segment of the Subdivision in Westminster and Broomfield, Colorado. This will help improve safety through the use of signals and will help reduce costly derailments, particularly those involving hazardous materials. PTC is required for any future passenger services operations, so this project will not only improve the safety of the subdivision but will set the stage for future Front Range Passenger Rail service. This is a critical step towards getting CTC/PTC in place for the whole urbanized portion of the Front Range Subdivision to Fort Collins through Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville, Boulder, Longmont, Berthoud, and Loveland.

We encourage you to give the application submitted by CDOT 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,



Joe Neguse  
Member of Congress

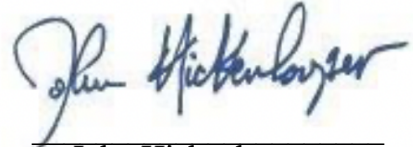


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cc: Secretary Buttigieg