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To: Governor Jared Polis, Senator Stephen Fenberg, Senator Sonya Jaquez Lewis, Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer, Senator Tammy Story, Senator Faith Winter, Representative Judy Amabile, Representative Tracey Bernett, Representative Matthew Gray, Representative Edie Hooton, Representative Karen McCormick

Re.: Statewide Transportation Funding

Dear Governor Polis and Members of our State Legislative Delegation,

The Northwest Chamber Alliance believes we must focus on improving regional mobility for commuters and residents to sustain a thriving economy and to address quality of life concerns in the Northwest Denver metro area. As we weigh solutions to our mobility challenges, the NWCA offers the following principles of support for transportation infrastructure funding:

- Creative bipartisan solutions to increase transportation investments from new revenue sources in the state budget.
 - Stable and predictable funding sources must be identified that can be dedicated and committed to funding projects on CDOT's 10-year project list for the minimum of a 10-year period, with a defined sunset provision.
 - We support open discussions with a wide range of stakeholders to identify a variety of funding sources for creating a comprehensive package.
 - We oppose exclusively, or disproportionately, targeting businesses, employers or members of the workforce to contribute to the funding package.
- A significant state-wide funding mechanism to enhance safety and implement multimodal transportation solutions, that include but are not limited to increasing capacity for transit, auto and other sustainable transportation modes.
- An equitable distribution of funding to ensure the northwest Denver metro region receives dedicated revenues. Any state-wide transportation infrastructure financing solution must include a commitment to funding our highest priority regional projects, State Highway 119, State Highway 7 and State Highway 287.

- An allocation back to cities and counties for investment in local and regional priority projects. The funding must be flexible enough to allow regions to invest in local priorities or project components that they can leverage in pursuit of additional state and federal funding.
- Establish clear principles in the allocation of transportation investments that secure an equitable distribution of benefits for our small businesses, low-wage workers and communities of color and also adopt revenue mechanisms that avoid imposing an inequitable burden on those that are most dependent on public transit or have the least capacity to cover increased costs.

We thank you in advance for supporting critical transportation infrastructure investments for Colorado during these challenging times.

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About the Northwest Chamber Alliance

The Northwest Chamber Alliance was formed in 2016 as a coalition focused on regional issues that impact economic vitality and quality of life. It is currently comprised of the Boulder Chamber, Broomfield Chamber of Commerce, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Latino Chamber of Boulder County, The Boulder County LGBTQ Chamber, Louisville Chamber of Commerce, Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, and Superior Chamber of Commerce, representing approximately 3,700 businesses and 380,000 employees. These businesses range from large international corporations to small businesses, startups, nonprofits and public institutions. For more information on the NWCA, please contact Andrea Meneghel, Public Affairs Director for the Boulder Chamber, (303) 938-2077, andrea.meneghel@boulderchamber.com or visit our website www.northwestchamberalliance.com