

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

August 16, 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 application submitted by Morgan County, Colorado, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding from the 2023 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. If selected, Morgan County will improve efficiency, safety, and mobility along one of Colorado's major freight corridors.

Interstate 76 (I-76) is part of the National Freight Highway Network and National Highway System, making it a critical freight route and key economic driver in Colorado. Based on projected population and employment levels, both passenger and freight traffic volumes will continue to increase and affect I-76. MPDG funds will help reconstruct 1.45 miles of concrete pavement; replace four bridges and two concrete box culverts; and convert a partial clover interchange into a tight diamond. In addition, a park-and-ride facility will be installed, from which users may access Fort Morgan, Greeley, Fort Collins, Denver, Sterling, and other communities across the region.

I-76 is critical for freight transport, tourism, recreation, and access to natural resources for economic livelihood. We encourage you to give the application from Morgan County 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