

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 9, 2008

The Honorable Mary Peters
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

As members of Colorado's Congressional delegation, we are writing to urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to award funding to the project proposed in Colorado's Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA).

Colorado's UPA was the highest ranked project beyond the five initially selected for federal investment. Given that New York will not be able to use the funds it was awarded, we believe funding should be awarded to Colorado as the highest ranking unfunded project.

Colorado's proposed project would construct a managed, congestion priced lane along U.S. 36 from the end of North I-25 Express lands in Westminster all the way to Foothills Parkway in Boulder. The plan also includes a bus rapid transit (BRT) service which builds on existing investments by the Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD). Additionally, Colorado's plan calls for an expansion of a telecommuting program for employers along the corridor.

Colorado law already allows for the implementation of this project, and the project has support of the entire Colorado Congressional Delegation, the Colorado Legislature, Governor, and elected officials along the US 36 Corridor, as well as the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

The project fully supports USDOT's efforts to promote tolling by showing the value of a connected network of tolls in the heavily congested corridors of I-25 and U.S. 36 from Denver to Boulder. USDOT has already recognized that fact by ranking Colorado's project highly, and we ask you to again acknowledge the value of this project by providing it with the funding it deserves.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar
United States Senator

Wayne Allard
United States Senator

Diana DeGette
Member of Congress

Mark Udall
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John Salazar
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