

Board of County Commissioners

October 26, 2021

Shoshana Lew Executive Director Colorado Department of Transportation 2829 W. Howard Place Denver, CO 80204

Dear Executive Director Lew,

In the spirit of shared goals and multi-agency partnerships, Boulder County and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) are jointly requesting that the approximately \$34 million in American Rescue Plan Act COVID relief funds intended for operating costs of public transit during the public health emergency within specified Boulder County Urbanized Areas (UZAs) be directed to Boulder County. Boulder County will work with local communities as well as with RTD, CDOT, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop a program of local and regional transit service delivery strategies. These strategies will be co-developed through a multi-agency collaborative approach. These federal funds will be invested in accordance with all federal funding requirements.

In support of our regional climate, air quality, and social equity goals, Boulder County and RTD and our state and local agency partners have the shared responsibility to encourage and support the use of public transit and other sustainable transportation options. We understand the magnitude of the impacts to RTD and our local communities from the COVID-19 pandemic and recognize that our collective paths forward to restore public health and our vibrant economy will require strong partnerships and collaboration.

RTD and Boulder County are committed to working together with CDOT, FTA, and all our agency partners to provide safe, affordable, equitable and sustainable transit service to our constituents to achieve our shared goals.

We thank our state and federal partners for working together for the betterment of our greater community.

Sincerely

Matt Jones

Marta Loachamin

Claire Levy

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Debra A. Johnson,

RTD General Manager/CEO

cc:

Governor Jared Polis

Cindy Terwilliger, Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator, FTA Region 8 RTD Board of Directors

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