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The Honorable John L. Mica  
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and Infrastructure  
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Dear Chairman Mica and Ranking Member Rahall:

On behalf of the City of Boulder, I request your support during the mark-up of the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 for the Petri/Johnson amendment, which restores funding for the Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs. This amendment would consolidate the SRTS and TE programs into a single program, maintaining the spirit of the bill and providing communities with this vital funding resource.

The City of Boulder (the City) recognizes that bicycle and pedestrian paths are an integral part of our local and regional transportation network connecting our communities, commercial and residential areas, civic infrastructure and open spaces and historic and cultural landscapes. This funding is a critical resource which helps make the City a desirable place to live, work and visit. Travel on foot or bike by our residents reduces reliance on fossil fuels, reduces vehicle emissions and can promote a healthy lifestyle. Bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems allow residents, who are unable or choose not to operate a motor vehicle, an opportunity to travel safely throughout our communities. Almost 10 percent of Boulder resident work commute trips are made by bike. This is due in large part to Boulder's significant investment in building a robust and attractive system for bicycling and walking.

The City received funding for engineering and/or construction of over 36,500 linear feet of bikeway facilities, four enhanced pedestrian crossings and 10 bicycle and pedestrian underpasses through transportation enhancement programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration since 1999. This funding has been integral in developing a safe and efficient

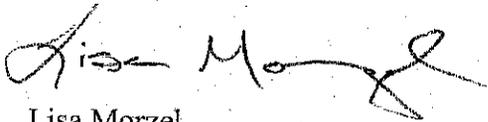
bicycle transportation network serving regional trips to and from Boulder. It also has allowed planning and construction of the Broadway/Euclid underpass and multimodal improvements that will improve safety and efficiency for motor vehicles, buses, pedestrians and bicyclists; reduce conflicts between vehicular travel and bicyclists and pedestrians, all while maintaining or improving the traffic capacity of Broadway, a major travel corridor serving regional travel to and through the City. This funding was matched by the City with local funding from approved voter referenda and other sources. Federal TE program funding has also assisted other area municipalities, businesses and park districts in creating bicycle trail connections to those paths developed by the City and expanding the bicycle trail network.

Bicycle and pedestrian paths are also critical in providing our children a safe trip to school. The City received Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding to design and construct a missing sidewalk link that will provide a safe walking and cycling route for students traveling to four elementary and middle schools (public and private). The SRTS program enhances children's health and well being by providing a number of traffic reduction strategies, which have far reaching impacts. One quarter of children's traffic deaths happen when children are walking and bicycling, which emphasizes the need for safe infrastructure like sidewalks and crosswalks.

Please support the Petri/Johnson amendment to the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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