March 20, 2017

Northwest Area Members of the Colorado General Assembly:

On behalf of the U.S. 36 Mayors and Commissioners Coalition (MCC), we want to thank you for the bi-partisan effort that led to the introduction of HB17-1242, the proposed transportation finance package that addresses Colorado’s diverse and growing statewide transportation needs.

The MCC members, made up of the City and County of Broomfield, Adams County, Boulder County and the cities of Boulder, Erie, Lafayette, Louisville, Longmont, Superior, and Westminster are supportive of the principles underlying this measure as introduced. As the bill makes its way through the legislative process, we encourage you to protect the following elements of the bill which we see as essential:

- Reliance primarily on new revenue for multimodal transportation projects. Colorado needs new funding for critical transportation needs that does not cannibalize other statewide priorities such as K-12, higher education or health and human service needs.

- Maximum flexibility and local control on how the cities and counties use their allocations, be that for capital and/or operational expenses.

- A strong investment in mobility options to support transit, bicycle, and pedestrian related projects where local jurisdictions have a stronger role in identifying and prioritizing projects.

Thank you again for introducing HB 17-1242 and for considering our perspective. We look forward to working with you as this measure gets refined and sent to the voters for consideration on the 2017 ballot.

Sincerely,

Elise Jones
Commissioner, Boulder County