

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

September 8, 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 Douglas County and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to the U.S. Department of Transportation for discretionary funding from the Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP) grant opportunity. If selected, Douglas County and CDOT will construct the Greenland Wildlife Overpass as the final component of the extensive I-25 Gap Wildlife Mitigation Network (WMN).

In Douglas County, Interstate-25 (I-25) bisects the largest protected open space along Colorado's Front Range between Fort Collins and Pueblo. This project, in conjunction with WMN, will complete the I-25 Gap Safety and Habitat Connectivity Improvement project between Denver and Colorado Springs to reduce the quantity and severity of wildlife-vehicle collisions on the I-25 Gap. With WCPP monies, Douglas County and CDOT will construct the Greenland Overpass to connect over 39,000 acres of Douglas County Land Conservancy. The Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance designated this construction project as one of six priorities projects in 2022 because of its alignment with local, state, and regional benefits.

This project will provide safety improvements for travelers and wildlife across the region. We encourage you to give the application submitted by Douglas County and CDOT 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