

March 24, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the time and attention your staff devoted to meeting with me and discussing key transportation and infrastructure priorities for both our county and the state of Colorado.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to engage with your team, and we are eager to continue working closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation to secure the necessary federal support for vital transportation and infrastructure projects that will enhance safety, connectivity, and efficiency for our residents.

Douglas County has experienced significant growth in both residential and commercial development, which has led to increasing demands on our transportation system, public utilities, and overall infrastructure. As the county's population continues to grow, bringing new families, businesses, and opportunities, the rising number of commuters and residents has resulted in congestion on key routes, including Interstate 25 (I-25), Highway 85, and roads connecting suburban communities to major employment centers. These traffic bottlenecks create frustration for residents, pose safety concerns, and negatively impact the county's economic productivity.

Immediate priorities for us include widening Highway 85 and addressing congestion points at the Happy Canyon and Lincoln Avenue interchanges along I-25. These improvements are critical for ensuring Douglas County remains a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family. We are committed to addressing the growing infrastructure needs of our county and look forward to collaborating with your Department to secure the necessary federal support to meet both our immediate and long-term infrastructure needs.

We were also pleased to discuss Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Private Sector Competition in Microtransit Act. Encouraging competition from the private sector and reducing government interference in microtransit services will lower costs and deliver savings to taxpayers. We support this important legislation and encourage swift action for its reintroduction and passage.

Additionally, we appreciated the opportunity to discuss how we can better align regional transportation priorities with federal funding opportunities. Specifically, we support directing federal transportation funds toward communities that prioritize public safety and lawful immigration enforcement, rather than sanctuary cities. Ensuring that these priorities align will help maximize the impact of federal resources for communities that need them most.

We are also proud to strongly support President Trump's vision for rebuilding America's infrastructure. Working together with federal, state, and local partners, we are committed to advancing shared priorities, including the vital task of building and improving roads and bridges. By collaborating closely with the administration, we can help ensure that communities like ours receive the necessary investments to support safe, reliable infrastructure that benefits all citizens.

We greatly appreciate your attention to these requests and look forward to continuing our collaboration with the U.S. Department of Transportation. By working together, we can strengthen our transportation systems, improve public safety, and support sustainable growth in Douglas County.

Thank you again for your time, leadership, and commitment to improving the nation's infrastructure and addressing the needs of communities like ours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Teal", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Teal, Commissioner