



January 26, 2017

Tony DeVito  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
5640 E. Atlantic Place  
Denver, CO 80222

**Re: Support for I-70 Record of Decision**

Dear Mr. DeVito,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Metro North Chamber of Commerce, Adams County Economic Development and Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Management Organization in the north east quadrant of the metro Denver area. NATA's partnership of public and private entities work collaboratively to identify, develop, advocate and promote transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north area.

We are pleased to learn of today's announcement by the Federal Highway Administration that they have approved CDOT's plans for the reconstruction of Central 70 – the span of I-70 between I-25 and I-225. Since 2012, our organization has been supportive of the proposed alternative to remove the I-70 viaduct and reconstruct this portion of the interstate below ground. We believe this is a solution that addresses the acute and chronic traffic congestion, and safety needs facing this corridor while balancing the interests of the local communities. We wish to reaffirm our support for this important project.

We appreciate CDOT's efforts on developing a workable solution that not only improves I-70 on the existing alignment, but also presents an alternative the communities can support.

Sincerely,

Herb Atchison, NATA Chair  
Mayor of Westminster

Cc: NATA Board  
CDOT Executive Director Shailen Bhatt