



July 17, 2013

Dave Eller
Colorado Department of Transportation Region 3
222 South 6th Street #317
Grand Junction, CO 81501-2769

Re: RAMP Funding for City of Grand Junction Horizon Drive and I-70 Interchange Project

Dear Mr. Eller,

It is my privilege to write this letter expressing the commitment of the Grand Junction City Council for the application by the City for State of Colorado's Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) funding for the Horizon Drive and I-70 Interchange improvement project. We greatly appreciate the State freeing funds for such projects and look forward to your support of the Horizon Drive and I-70 Interchange project in the next round of evaluation.

Horizon Drive is the primary exit into Grand Junction from I-70. As I am sure you are aware the City and CDOT have funded some improvements to the existing ramps and the property owners have formed an improvement district with plans for even more enhancements to the area of the exit and beyond.

The City Council is very appreciative of the past support of CDOT and the present support of the community especially those members of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District. With the State and the District as partners we are confident that additional improvements to Horizon Drive will be constructed and that those improvements will greatly benefit the community. While we recently fell short at the ballot of securing a possible source of funds that may have contributed to the project, the City and the District are committed to construction of improvements to Horizon Drive.

It is our sincere hope that you will approve the detailed application for this project .

Thank you again for the opportunity to enhance transportation in the Grand Valley.

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Susuras". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sam Susuras President of the Council

pc: Douglas Aden, Colorado State Transportation Commissioner
Donald Hunt, CDOT Executive Director
Clark Atkinson, Chairman Horizon Drive Business Improvement District