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### **US 36 Receives Grant Award from USDOT Only Project Selected in Colorado**

US Department of Transportation Awards US 36 \$10 Million – “We are thrilled that the USDOT and Secretary LaHood have seen the future for transportation initiatives along US 36, as an example of a multimodal and multi-jurisdictional project that can provide significant economic and environmental benefit to the region, the state and the nation” stated Mayor Pat Quinn of the City of Broomfield, CO. “And we greatly appreciate all the support from Senator Bennett and his efforts to secure federal funding as well as Senator Udall, and the entire Colorado delegation” further stated Mayor Chuck Sisk, Mayor of Louisville, CO. “This funding will be a huge relief for commuters in Denver and Boulder who spend so much time stuck in traffic on U.S. 36,” Senator Bennet said. “The U.S. 36 project will create jobs while providing meaningful and sustainable transportation alternatives that will allow commuters to make better use of their time.”

The Recovery Act allocated \$1.5 Billion for improvements to roads, bridges, rail, ports, and transit and intermodal facilities. The USDOT had more than 1400 applications from all 50 states requesting funding for almost \$60 Billion worth of projects. Additionally, Mayor Nancy McNally from Westminster, CO suggested, “we anticipate this commitment is a first step in obtaining additional federal funding through future grant opportunities over the next several years, including the reauthorization of the multi-year surface transportation bill” Boulder County Commissioner Will Toor highlighted that the “US 36 managed lane/bus rapid application stands on its own merit as a sustainable, forward-looking solution providing travel choice in a corridor that values and uses transit.”

US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood announced funding today for over 50 transportation projects through the TIGER competitive grant program. US 36 received \$10 Million to support the Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid transit project on US 36 from Boulder to Denver which includes one managed lane in each direction on US 36; bus rapid transit operations for the corridor; a commuter bikeway and intelligent transportation system for toll collection and incident management. Awardees were selected based on their contribution to economic competitiveness of the nation, improving safety and the condition of the existing transportation system, increasing quality of life, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and demonstrating strong collaboration among a broad range of participants, including the private sector.

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