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Jessica Laitsch, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region
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January 15, 2020

Dear Ms. Laitsch and Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region's
Multimodal Options Fund Selection Committee,

On behalf of CDOT Region 5, I ask that you consider the City of Durango's application for funding for the 30th Street Connect Project. The City of Durango, in coordination with CDOT, seeks to install a bike and pedestrian crossing of US Highway 550 near 30th Street in Durango. The improvement will include ADA curb ramps, a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, crosswalk, and pedestrian refuge.

This project has been identified in the City of Durango's Multimodal Transportation Plan, as well as the North Main Mobility Plan. The 30th Street Connect Project is a cost-effective solution to the lack of safe pedestrian and cyclist accessibility in the corridor.

This project will increase the safety and accessibility of pedestrians and cyclists needing to cross highway 550, and as such CDOT Region 5 supports the project's implementation. Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Julie Constan, PE
Traffic & Safety Program Engineer
CDOT Region 5





January 16, 2020

Jessica Laitsch, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
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Dear Ms. Laitsch and Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region's Multimodal Options Fund Selection Committee,

I am writing to express support for the City of Durango's application for the 2020 Multimodal Options Fund opportunity. Durango School District 9-R and the City of Durango's Transportation Department enjoy a long history of collaboration, for the purpose of providing safe and accessible transportation options for Durango's school children.

Durango Transit and Durango School District 9-R work together to offer all enrolled students affordable annual transit passes. Students that qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program receive free annual transit passes. Durango Transit provides a transportation service that allows our students to get around Durango throughout the year, and our partnership continues to focus on improving the safety of this service. At present, there are no safe crossings of US HWY 550 for ¼ of a mile along a densely developed stretch of the corridor that students must navigate to access transit stop connections and important after school facilities, including the Boys and Girls' Club and the Durango Recreation Center.

The City's proposed project will install ADA curb ramps, a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, crosswalk, and pedestrian refuge near 30th Street on U.S. Highway 550 in Durango. This project is critical to ensuring safe access for our students. These safety improvements are in line with School District 9-R's desire to promote safe and accessible transportation options for our students, staff, and parents.

On behalf of Durango School District 9-R, we are asking that you support the City of Durango's application for funding to install the 30th Street Connect Project that will allow Durango Transit to continue to improve safety and offer transit, pedestrian, and cyclist opportunities to the students in our District.

Sincerely,

Dan Snowberger, Superintendent
Durango School District 9-R

January 14, 2020

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Ms. Laitsch and Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region's Multimodal Options Fund Selection Committee:

The Durango Business Improvement District (BID) exists to improve conditions for area businesses, attract and retain businesses, and improve the overall experience for those who use the district. BID partners with the City of Durango and a number of other agencies to meet this vision. In addition to the downtown Central Business District, the BID's boundary includes North Main Avenue. On behalf of the BID, I urge your kind consideration of the proposal to improve pedestrian and cyclist access on North Main Avenue through the 30th Street Connect Project.

Durango's North Main Avenue is a rapidly growing area, and continues to attract new businesses each year. As pedestrian and cyclist traffic continues to grow, it has become critical to provide safe access and connectivity options from neighborhoods on the west side of Main Avenue, as well as from the Animas River Trail to the east. This project will install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, crosswalk, and pedestrian refuge near 30th Street on U.S. Highway 550 in Durango. These safety improvements support BID's goal of attracting and retaining business in Durango by making the North Main Avenue corridor easily accessible, walkable, and safe.

Through this funding, the City of Durango will improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and accessibility in the North Main corridor. As such, BID strongly supports the City's application. Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



Tim Walsworth
Executive Director

January 13, 2020

Jessica Laitsch, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
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Dear Ms. Laitsch and Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region's Multimodal Options Fund Selection Committee,

On behalf of Mountain Middle School, we are asking that you support the City of Durango's application for funding of the 30th Street Connect Project. Mountain Middle School is a free, public, state-chartered school located in Durango, Colorado, providing education to 4th-8th grade students, with a vision of empowering students to own their future.

This project will install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, crosswalk, and pedestrian refuge near 30th Street on U.S. Highway 550 in Durango. This project is critical to ensuring safe access to our school. Currently, there is no opportunity for our students to cross U.S. Highway 550 from the East to West, other than at 27th Street and 32nd Street. These are not convenient or accessible options for our students who walk, bike, or ride public transit to our campus. These safety improvements support our school's vision and will make a large, positive impact on the safety, health, and well-being of our students, staff, and parents.

The 30th Street Connect Project is in alignment with our desire to provide safe and accessible pedestrian options to our school and to encourage bicycling and walking as a healthy fun and safe way to get to school. Through this funding, the City of Durango will continue implementation of increased safety measures that have been vetted by our community through many public meetings.

This project will increase the safety, accessibility, and health of our students, and as such I strongly support the project's implementation. Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



Shane Voss
Principal, Mountain Middle School

January 13, 2020

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Dear Ms. Laitsch and Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region's Multimodal Options Fund Selection Committee,

On behalf of the City of Durango's Multimodal Advisory Board, I ask that you consider the City of Durango's application for funding for the 30th Street Connect Project. The Multimodal Advisory Board consists of appointed representatives from the community, tasked with making recommendations on the operation and administration of the City's multimodal transportation systems, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Additionally, the Board makes recommendations for the prioritization of the 2015 Half Cent Sales Tax, a portion of which funds the City's Multimodal Capital Improvement Projects. This project has been identified in the Multimodal Transportation Plan, as well as the North Main Mobility Plan as a high priority safety project.

This project will install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, crosswalk, and pedestrian refuge near 30th Street on U.S. Highway 550 in Durango. The Multimodal Advisory Board has heard from many community members that a safe crossing of North Main Avenue is important to residents, students, and businesses in the North Main corridor. The 30th Street Connect Project is a cost-effective solution to the lack of safe pedestrian and cyclist accessibility in the corridor.

This project will increase the safety and accessibility of pedestrians and cyclists in Durango, and as such the Multimodal Advisory Board strongly supports the project's implementation. Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer Compton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Spencer Compton
Chair, Multimodal Advisory Board