



May 8, 2015

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Foxx:

The Town of New Castle, CO expresses its support of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority's (RFTA) TIGER VII grant proposal to renovate and expand RFTA's principal maintenance and operations facility, the Glenwood Springs Bus Maintenance Facility (GMF) in Glenwood Springs, CO.

RFTA is the second largest transit agency in the State and possibly the largest rural transit agency in the Nation. RFTA serves communities in the Colorado State Highway 82 corridor from Glenwood Springs to Aspen, and the I-70 Corridor from Glenwood Springs to Rifle; an area encompassing roughly 70 linear miles.

The GMF Renovation and Expansion will support critical transportation demand management (TDM) measures during the Grand Avenue Bridge Replacement Project in downtown Glenwood Springs, which will have positive effects on regional economic development and multimodal connections along the I-70 mountain corridor. RFTA's Grand Hogback commuter bus service is a crucial public transit service for commuters between Western Garfield County and the Roaring Fork Valley. The GMF project will also support current and future transit investments in the SH-82 and I-70 corridors.

Robust local and regional transit services are critical to the region's mobility, economy, and quality of life. The Town of New Castle encourages the USDOT to provide TIGER funding for this important transportation investment.

Sincerely,

Bruce Leland, Mayor Pro Tem

Date