



May 28, 2021

Governor Jared Polis
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 136
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Support for SB21-260

Dear Governor,

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) represents 30 municipalities and counties across a vast, mountainous and rural portion of the state. Our region is heavily dependent upon Interstate 70 and a matrix of state highways for primary access for business goods, daily travel and tourism. Residents from across the state, as well as thousands of visitors from beyond our borders depend on the quality of those roads to travel here safely and efficiently. Travel anchors our economy. There may be no clearer marker of a state’s fiscal health than the quality of its roads. By this measure, Colorado is falling behind. It is a problem that costs taxpayers individually through wear and tear on their vehicles when insufficiently funded together.

For most of our jurisdictions, pavement management and care of gravel roads are one of their most costly capital expenses, yet both local roads and the state highways on which our economies depend fall further behind in maintenance each year. We have observed a number of statewide attempts to fix the transportation funding issue in Colorado fail in recent years. We strongly believe that SB 21-260 very well could be our last, best option for a statewide funding fix.

We appreciate that the bill distributes the impacts across a broad range of vehicle types, users and industries. We also appreciate the investment in infrastructure being combined with funding for multi-modal options and supporting the 2030 EV plan and GHG Roadmap goals.

NWCCOG strongly supports SB 21-260. At our May 27, 2021 Council meeting, the group voted unanimously to support this bill.

Sincerely

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

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