

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I write to call attention to Adams County's application for a FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for the US-85/120th Avenue Interchange Project.

The US-85 corridor is a transportation backbone for our region, and the East 120th Avenue corridor is a major route to Denver International Airport. Since the 1990s, overall usage of US-85 doubled, and traffic is projected to double again by 2040. Operational and safety challenges affecting this intersection interfere with the movement of goods and people and require longer drive times.

Adams County's Interchange project will construct an overpass for 120th Avenue over the at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad that currently causes significant traffic delays. The overpass will provide an interchange with US-85 and 120th Avenue, which will dramatically improve vehicle traffic and facilitate safer pedestrian and bicycle connections to Riverside Regional Park. The movement of freight commodities for vital Colorado industries, including agricultural production and energy supply chains, will be improved, and barriers separating farm-to-market workforces from employment centers will be reduced. Addressing existing challenges will further support new commercial and industrial development and improve the safety of those utilizing any transportation mode at this new grade-separation.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Adams County's application for a BUILD Grant for the US-85/120th Avenue Interchange Project. Please contact my office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Gabe Evans
Member of Congress