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Mr. Russel Cox, Resident Engineer
Region 1 - Foothills Residency
Colorado Department of Transportation
425 A Corporate Circle
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Mr. Cox:

I am writing this letter to support the Colorado Department of Transportation's Rivers, Roads and Recovery project application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. We first heard a presentation on this inter-agency project along lower Highway 119—one of the primary accesses to Gilpin County—in February of this year. We were excited to hear about the broad spectrum of agencies working together to address many issues—rockfall mitigation, wildlife mobility, mining waste cleanup, water quality improvements and riparian habitat preservation—in this unique cooperative venture.

The project seems an ideal one for TIGER financial support, as not only will it provide employment in a variety of job categories, the improved access should help facilitate the growth of a rapidly expanding gaming market in Central City and Black Hawk which is already proving one of the few bright spots in our lagging Colorado economy.

Please add my name to your list of enthusiastic supporters for this project.

Sincerely,

Forrest Whitman, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

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