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August 15, 2014  
Charles Blosten, Director  
Department of Public Works  
City of Littleton  
Littleton, CO 80120

Dear Charlie:

Columbine Valley has authorized funding for a preliminary traffic feasibility study of Platte Canyon Road between Bowles and Mineral Avenues. The scope of the study was developed by the Platte Canyon Task Force, an intergovernmental staff group with representatives from the Town, City of Littleton, Arapahoe County and CDOT. The purpose of the study is to determine the existing and future capability of Platte Canyon Road to accommodate the anticipated development in the area. The concern about the highway came about as a result of a traffic study that we had prepared as part of our review of the possible development of the 105 acre Tuck property and new development on Coal Mine Road and at the Southeast corner of Mineral Ave. and Platte Canyon Road.

The proposed scope of the study is:

- 1) **Identify the existing and future traffic, operational, capacity, and safety challenges for various users (vehicle, peds, bikes, transit users) on Platte Canyon from Mineral to Bowles.**
- 2) **Identify the existing geometric and physical constraints on Platte Canyon from Mineral to Bowles.**
- 3) **Identify solutions that will address traffic, operational and capacity issues now and projected to occur in the future.**
- 4) **Identify the physical and economic restraints on widening the Highway to four lanes, if needed, as well as other corridor level improvements.**
- 5) **Analyze an option without widening Platte Canyon Road, but improves its Level of Service, operational characteristics, travel time, etc.**
- 6) **Provide conceptual cost estimates for the alternative solutions.**
- 7) **Estimate the costs of a full formal Platte Canyon Road Improvement Study that would provide more specific cost estimates and possible revenue sources.**

The Columbine Valley Board of Trustees approved funding in the amount of \$8000.00 and proposed that additional funds be requested from Littleton, Arapahoe County and the developer of the Tuck property. The amounts we are requesting from each is:

City of Littleton:	\$1000.00
Arapahoe County:	\$2000.00
Tuck Property Developer:	\$1500.00

I would mention that Platte Canyon Road is a State Highway (SH73) and CDOT has been involved with the meetings but has not committed any funding to this point and that the Town of Columbine Valley has the opinion that the study is needed for its constituents, the broader traveling public, and guidance for current and future development.

We are asking the Board of County Commissioners to approve financial participation in the amount of \$2000.00. Attached is a map showing the frontage of Platte Canyon Road that is within the jurisdiction of each of the three entities, as that what was used to allocate the cost of the study.

If you have any questions please call me at (303) 794-5531 or email me at

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Sincerely:



Gale Christy, Mayor

