



February 20, 2019

Sens. Chris Holbert and Jim Smallwood
Reps. Mark Baisley, Patrick Neville, Kim Ransom and Kevin Van Winkle
200 East Colfax Street
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Douglas County Legislative Delegation:

On behalf of the Castle Rock Town Council, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 051 (Increase General Fund Funding for Transportation). Enhancing our transportation is one of the Town's top priorities, and this bill would help further the Town's efforts in this area, as further explained herein.

SB 051 would increase both State and local transportation infrastructure funding by a total of \$190 million. Of that amount, \$161 million would go toward State projects. As the delegation is aware, numerous State transportation facilities traverse the Town of Castle Rock, including Interstate 25, U.S. Highway 85 and Colorado Highway 86. Improvements are needed on all of those corridors. The Town of Castle Rock supports increased funds to address pressing transportation needs when the proposed funding method does not include a tax increase.

SB 051 would also increase local transportation funding by \$28.5 million. Any additional funding that would come to the Town through this legislation would be put to good use, accomplishing projects in the Town's Transportation Capital Improvement Plan. Projects within the plan include:

- Completing a new interchange on I-25 at Crystal Valley Parkway
- Reconfiguring the intersection of Wolfensberger Road and I-25
- Improving the intersection of Founders Parkway/Ridge Road and Fifth Street/Colorado Highway 86
- Widening North Meadows Drive, Ridge Road and Wolfensberger Road

The Castle Rock Town Council thanks Sens. Holbert and Smallwood for sponsoring SB 51 and respectfully requests that the rest of the Douglas County Legislative Delegation support this bill, to provide increased transportation infrastructure funding with no tax increase.

Sincerely,

(signature)

Jason Gray
Mayor

cc: *Colorado Municipal League*