



February 25, 2016

Tony DeVito  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
5640 E. Atlantic Place  
Denver, CO 80222

**Re: Support for I-70 Final EIS Preferred Alternative**

Dear Mr. DeVito,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a coalition of thirteen local governments, the Metro North Chamber of Commerce, Adams County Economic Development and Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Management Organization in the north east quadrant of the metro Denver area. NATA's partnership of public and private entities work collaboratively to identify, develop, advocate and promote transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north area..

Since 2012, our organization has been supportive of the proposed alternative to remove the I-70 viaduct and reconstruct this portion of the interstate below ground. This alternative, known as the Partial Cover Lowered PCL Alternative is identified in the Final EIS and continues to have NATA's support. We believe this is a solution that addresses the acute and chronic traffic congestion, and safety needs facing this corridor while balancing the interests of the local communities.

We appreciate CDOT's efforts on developing a workable solution that not only improves I-70 on the existing alignment, but also presents an alternative the communities can support.

Sincerely,

Randy Ahrens, NATA Chair  
Mayor of Broomfield

Cc: NATA Board  
CDOT Commissioner Heather Barry