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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Collins and Ranking Member Reed:

As you consider fiscal year 2017 appropriations for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants program, I respectfully request support continued funding for the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) Eagle P3 Commuter Rail Transit Project in Denver, Colorado.

The Eagle P3 Project consists of two lines: the East Corridor from Denver International Airport to downtown at Denver Union Station, and the Gold Line from Denver Union Station westward to Ward Road in Wheat Ridge. Both lines are scheduled to open this year with the East Corridor seeing service begin at the University of Colorado A Line on April 24th and the Gold Line scheduled to open as the G Line this fall. FY 2017 will be the seventh year of funding for this multi-year grant for this project that has been delivered via public-private partnership between RTD and Denver Transit Partners.

I respectfully respect that you fund RTD's appropriations request and consider the restoration of shortfalls from previous fiscal years to meet the federal government's commitments under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA).

Thank you for your leadership and your continued support for the Eagle P3 Project.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner
United States Senator