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Advisory Committee for Colorado Safe Routes
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 East Arkansas Avenue, EP B606
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Regarding: Colorado Safe Routes to School Program

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

Foothill Elementary School is eager to collaborate with the city of Boulder to improve walking-cycling infrastructure and initiate a Safe Routes to School program that will get more of our students walking and biking to school more often. Safe Routes has the potential to benefit our entire school community and will improve children's health and alertness, improve the environment, enhance community, and create life long healthy habits.

The city of Boulder's submission for funds to construct infrastructure improvements that better accommodate walking and bicycling, and the Boulder Valley School District's application to receive funds for education and encouragement programs will compliment one another. We are confident that these proposed Safe Routes efforts will collectively address physical and social obstacles that impede our students from walking and bicycling to school today.

On behalf of Foothill Elementary School, please consider this a commitment that we will assist the city of Boulder and BVSD Student Transportation Coordinator to:

- ✦ Plan, publicize and carry out activities to raise awareness of completed improvements and encourage more students to walk and bicycle to school more often.
- ✦ Measure the success of the project by conducting before and after surveys that detail the total number of students reached, and specifically the number of students biking, walking, busing and driven to/from school.

In closing, we encourage you to fully fund both the BVSD education/outreach program application and the city of Boulder infrastructure improvement application.

Sincerely,

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