



July 3, 2007

David Beckhouse  
Federal Transit Administration – Region 8  
12300 W. Dakota Avenue, Suite 310  
Lakewood, CO 80228-2583

RE: MASON CORRIDOR PROJECT

Dear Mr. Beckhouse:

The Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority strongly supports the City of Fort Collins Mason Corridor project and its submittal to the Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts program.

The Mason Corridor project will provide tremendous environmental and economic benefit to the Fort Collins central business district by linking major downtown destinations and activity centers to Colorado State University and to the commercial, retail, employment, and residential centers throughout the rest of city. Eventually, this link will extend all the way to Denver.

In addition to the extensive transportation improvements it will provide, the Mason Corridor project will build a framework for future economic development and establish the fundamental infrastructure for future community partnerships, private investment, environmental sustainability, active living, and attractive, urban lifestyles.

The Mason Corridor project is tremendously important to the future of the Fort Collins community. As evidenced by the DDA's \$600,000 investment in the project, it is deeply committed to its success. It is the Authority's sincere hope that the Federal Transit Administration can help us convert this exciting, innovative dream into reality.

Sincerely,

Chip Steiner  
Executive Director  
Fort Collins, Colorado Downtown Development Authority