



April 23, 2021

The Honorable Tom O'Halleran
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative O'Halleran,

In alignment with Congressional efforts to replace the expiring Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, the Flagstaff City Council would like to urge our congressional delegation to include an \$8 million authorization for only the southern portion of the existing Lone Tree Road located between Zuni Drive and John Wesley Powell Boulevard in Flagstaff within the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill.

The stand-alone Lone Tree Corridor- Zuni Drive to John Wesley Powell (JWP) Boulevard project works to establish a safer and more inclusive transportation system in Flagstaff by increasing important north-south arterial connectivity from JWP Boulevard to Zuni Drive. The project also benefits the community by adding a roundabout at the Zuni and Lone Tree intersection at the entrance to Coconino Community College, widening the roadway footprint to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, public transit and vehicular movements, and installing conduit for fiber optic cable. Specific information about the project can be found below.

- The Lone Tree Corridor - Zuni Drive to JWP Boulevard project is on both the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
 - Projects 100578 (Lone Tree/ I-40), 101523 (Lone Tree Road Widening) and 101527 (Pedestrian-Bicycle-FUTS Projects) are listed on the STIP.
 - The Lone Tree/ I-40 project, the Lone Tree Road Widening project and the Pedestrian-Bicycle-FUTS Project are listed on the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization's TIP.
- Letters of support for the project from Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (Mountain Line), Northern Arizona University, Coconino County, Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Department of Transportation, Coconino Community College, Flagstaff Unified School District, Metroplan and the City of Flagstaff Transportation Commission are included in this packet.
- Additional funding required for the project above the \$8M request is funded by Proposition 419, which was approved during the 2018 election. Preparation for this proposition involved approximately 60 public outreach meetings that included questions and answers. Most recently, the Flagstaff City Council and partner agencies, including Metroplan, have publicly discussed the Lone Tree Corridor project at Council and Board meetings in March of 2021.



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- A comprehensive planning process has been and will continue to be followed. The project is in the 15% design stage and design work will continue.
- Preliminary environmental review of the project from Zuni Drive to JWP Boulevard indicates that it will be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.
- Federal funding has not been received previously for this project.

The Lone Tree Corridor – Zuni Drive to JWP Boulevard project advances the goals of the surface transportation authorization legislation, including building a safer, more accessible transportation network that encourages multi-modal transportation while reducing carbon pollution. The Flagstaff City Council would greatly appreciate your support of an \$8 million authorization for the Lone Tree Corridor – Zuni Drive to JWP Boulevard project in Flagstaff.

Thank you for your advocacy,

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