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Arapahoe County Subregional Forum – Commissioner Jeff Baker  
C/O Bryan Weimer, PWLF, Director  
Arapahoe County Transportation Forum  
Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department  
6924 South Lima Street  
Centennial, Colorado 80112

**RE: Easter Trail Project City of Aurora Support for the Call #4 TIP Application**

Dear Arapahoe Subregional Forum TIP Evaluation Committee:

We are writing in support of Arapahoe County's DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) application for the Easter Trail Project Study. This study will provide the foundation for a future project creating a side path along South Parker Road, between East Fremont Avenue and South Chambers Way, and along South Chambers Way, between South Parker Road and South Cherokee Trail. This area currently lacks access to RTD bus service and a safe and accessible pedestrian route across Parker Road, connecting to the Cherry Creek Trail system. In addition, these improvements occur in a part of Arapahoe County with a higher-than-average number of vulnerable populations and will minimize the multimodal barriers of Parker Road and Arapahoe Road, thus vastly increasing multimodal accessibility in the area.

This project will connect communities currently divided by the Parker Road highway and create access to the regional sidewalk and trail systems within the City of Aurora's jurisdiction. The city supports projects that make it safer and more comfortable for city and county residents and visitors to walk and bike to destinations and access various forms of mobility within the community. Making the built environment more walkable creates positive health and economic benefits felt throughout not only Arapahoe County, but the region overall.

The City of Aurora supports the Easter Trail Project Study for its strong emphasis on active transportation, increasing multimodal connectivity, and providing additional ways for residents and vulnerable populations to travel around this part of the region. Please share this support with other members of the Selection Committee. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this project and involvement of the City of Aurora, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Brooke Bell*

[Brooke Bell \(Jan 23, 2023 15:58 MST\)](#)

Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space  
City of Aurora






# TIP-Easter Trail-Letter of Support

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