

October 4, 2022

Fletcher Jacobs  
State Trails Program  
13787 S. Hwy. 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Support for City of Steamboat Springs US40 West Pedestrian Connection

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

The Commissioners of Routt County would like to express our support and participation as a partner with the City of Steamboat Springs' grant application. The City's Core Trail runs through the city primarily along the Yampa River, and this project will extend the trail into the unincorporated area of Routt County. As currently proposed, this phase of the project will extend the Core Trail to the west providing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity along a stretch of US 40 to the KOA campground.

Routt County recently adopted the 2022 Routt County Master Plan, which noted a desire by the public to extend the core trail for both transportation and recreation. This phase of the project and trail segment is extremely important in the broader project to reach our constituents that live in the outer lying neighborhoods of Sleepy Bear, Steamboat II, and Silver Spur, as well as the Brown Ranch property, which is a 556-acre property currently planning for affordable housing for our residents. West Steamboat Springs is the area dedicated to accommodating growth, and the trail will only become more important and necessary over time as this area is developed.

We are pleased to join the City of Steamboat Springs in providing matching funds to make this phase of the project a reality. Routt County believes the City has put together a project that meets all funding requirements and goals and we are excited to partner in a plan that will bring connectivity to unincorporated areas of the county. Thank you for your consideration in supporting this project.

Sincerely,



M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair  
Routt County Board of County Commissioners