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The Honorable Joe Rice and Dan Gibbs
Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Rice and Senator Gibbs:

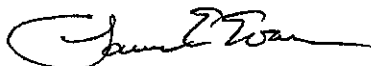
American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC/CO) applauds your efforts to find new transportation funding streams to address our current and future infrastructure needs. ACEC/CO endorses the "FASTER" legislation – SB09 -108, and will encourage our membership to support it. We believe this legislation will stimulate the economy, invest in critical bridge and road safety projects, and establish a future funding system.

Infrastructure spending creates 37,000 jobs per \$1 billion spent. We support SB09 -108 funding that dedicates \$100 million annually for bridges, and \$160 million annually that will be allocated to state, county and city roadway safety projects. This type of spending benefits all Coloradoans and the economic well-being of our state since we will have something to show for our dollars.

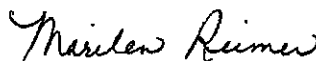
Although over \$4 billion is needed to meet all of the state's infrastructure needs, this legislation is a good start to meet those needs. We support the future funding streams that SB09 -108 provides by establishing a mileage-based revenue pilot program, encouraging private-public partnerships and tolling existing highways. We are willing to help you and your colleagues promote the need for these new funding streams to the general public.

Thank you again for sponsoring this legislation and taking the lead to tackle a very difficult problem during very difficult economic times. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



Lauren Evans, President



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