

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Colorado Department of Transportation  
2829 West Howard Place  
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Dear Transportation Commissioners,

We want to wish a happy birthday to the Bustang program as it celebrates its fourth anniversary. Since 2015, Bustang has provided important transit service that connects communities along I-70 and I-25 with the Denver Metro Area and vice versa. In addition, Bustang Outrider provides connections between Lamar, Pueblo and Colorado Springs; Gunnison and Denver; Durango and Grand Junction; and Alamosa and Pueblo. Dozens of communities are serviced along these routes.

In its fourth year of operation, demand for Bustang continues to grow. In the spring, ridership along its West, North, South, and Denver Tech Center routes grew by 21% and carried approximately 21,000 riders a month. Bustang Outrider service, while only about a year old, serviced over 2,000 riders a month over the winter. Farebox recovery continues to be strong across the system generating over \$500,000 in revenue in March 2019 alone.

The steady growth in ridership demonstrates the clear need for even more statewide bus service like Bustang. We support your continued efforts to expand Bustang and the Bustang Outrider service by both connecting new communities to the system and by adding more buses along the routes that are at capacity. We also support continuing to offer innovative services like the RamsRoute, which connects students at Colorado State University-Fort Collins with Denver, and the Bustang service to home Broncos games.

Coloradans need travel options to get around the state and the steady growth in Bustang ridership demonstrates that it is providing critical service and continues to be a good foundation to build from.

Congratulations on Bustang's fourth anniversary, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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