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Jeff Meilbeck, Executive Director  
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Mr. Meilbeck,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Flagstaff's Mini-Grant proposal to build a climate-transportation decision toolbox that will serve the greater Flagstaff community. The City of Flagstaff has been a long-standing member of Arizona Forward, and a leader as it relates to finding solutions to our climate crisis. Arizona Forward is committed to working with our members throughout the state to advocate for climate action solutions, and we believe the creation of a climate-transportation decision toolbox will help both the City of Flagstaff and Arizona Forward to achieve our complimentary goals.

I believe that METROPLAN's vision to build the finest transportation system in the country can be achieved through integrating climate change and climate action into all aspects of our transportation planning systems. I believe that the city can help Greater Flagstaff to take an important first step through this Mini-Grant program.

The City's carbon neutrality goal is backed in the scientific reality that bold, ambitious action is critical to ensure we maintain our quality of life in Flagstaff and maintain a safe climate on this planet. Transportation emissions are one of the highest sources of emissions in Flagstaff, and can be tackled with creative vision, bold action, and sustained commitment.

This project will be an important first step in better-incorporating climate impacts into our transportation planning. It will provide a critical training opportunity for METROPLAN member agency staff, supporting our key experts when making this shift. By better incorporating climate impacts into our decision-making, we can increase transparency, better inform community decision-makers and stakeholders, and make more informed decisions.

I believe this grant will benefit all METROPLAN agencies by providing a strong first step to integrating climate action into decision-making processes. Thank you for considering this project to help Flagstaff move into a new and exciting transportation future.

Sincerely,

Lori Singleton, President & CEO