



# North Area Transportation Alliance Retreat

April 16, 2021



# Agenda



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# 2021 Representatives



Community	Representative	Alternate	Senior Staff
<b>Adams County</b>	Lynn Baca Commissioner lbaca@adcogov.org	Seve O'Dorisio Commissioner <a href="mailto:sodorisio@adcogov.org">sodorisio@adcogov.org</a>	Chris Chovan
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<b>Commerce City</b>	Nicole Frank Mayor Pro Tem nfrank@c3gov.com	Craig Hurst Councilmember churst@c3gov.com	Joe Wilson Roger Tinklenberg Brent Soderlin Jodi Hardie
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# Mission Statement



The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a partnership of public and private entities in the **North I-25 Corridor** working to identify, develop, advocate and lobby for transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area.



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# Creation and Purpose of NATA





# Shared Values



- Transportation improvements in the north metro area are key to future economic development including creating and retaining jobs for citizens, improving mobility and reducing traffic congestion in the north metro area.
- NATA should take all steps needed to ensure that needed transportation improvements are identified and included in appropriate DRCOG, RTD and CDOT plans and funding secured.
- FasTracks is an integral part of improving transportation in the Denver metro area and the integrity of a metro-wide fixed rail system depends upon the entire system being built. NATA should take actions needed to ensure that the entire FasTracks system is built.



# NATA & Smart Commute

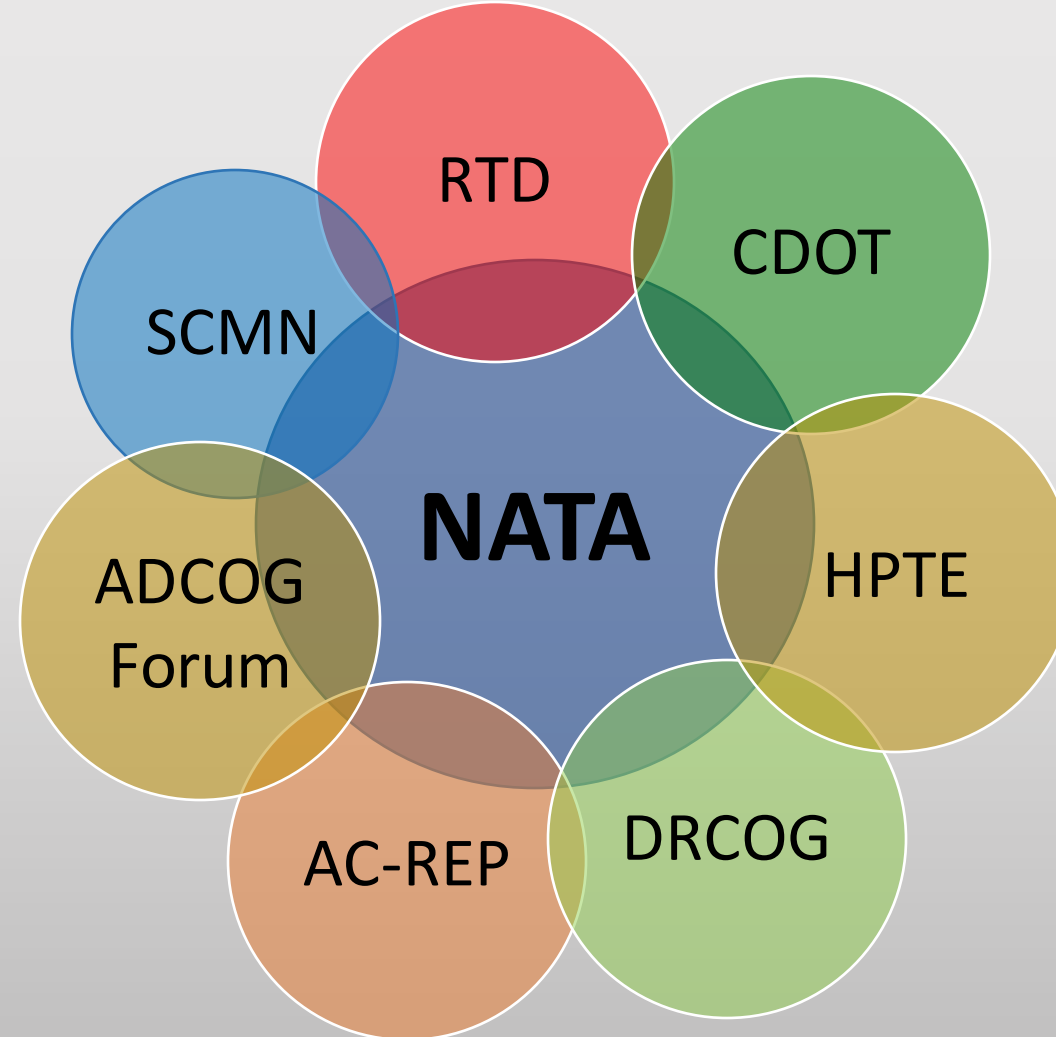


- NATA applied for DRCOG TMO Startup Grant (2011)
  - Support from 12 jurisdictions, ACED, and Metro North Chamber
- Thornton administered the TMO Startup Grant and paid invoices for the first two years
- Role of Smart Commute: membership organization
  - Created Legal Non-Profit Entity
  - Pursue private and public sector funding
  - Pursue grant funding opportunities
  - Public outreach activities
- Provide information, programs and advocacy for NATA's policies
- Current administrator for NATA





# NATA's Partners





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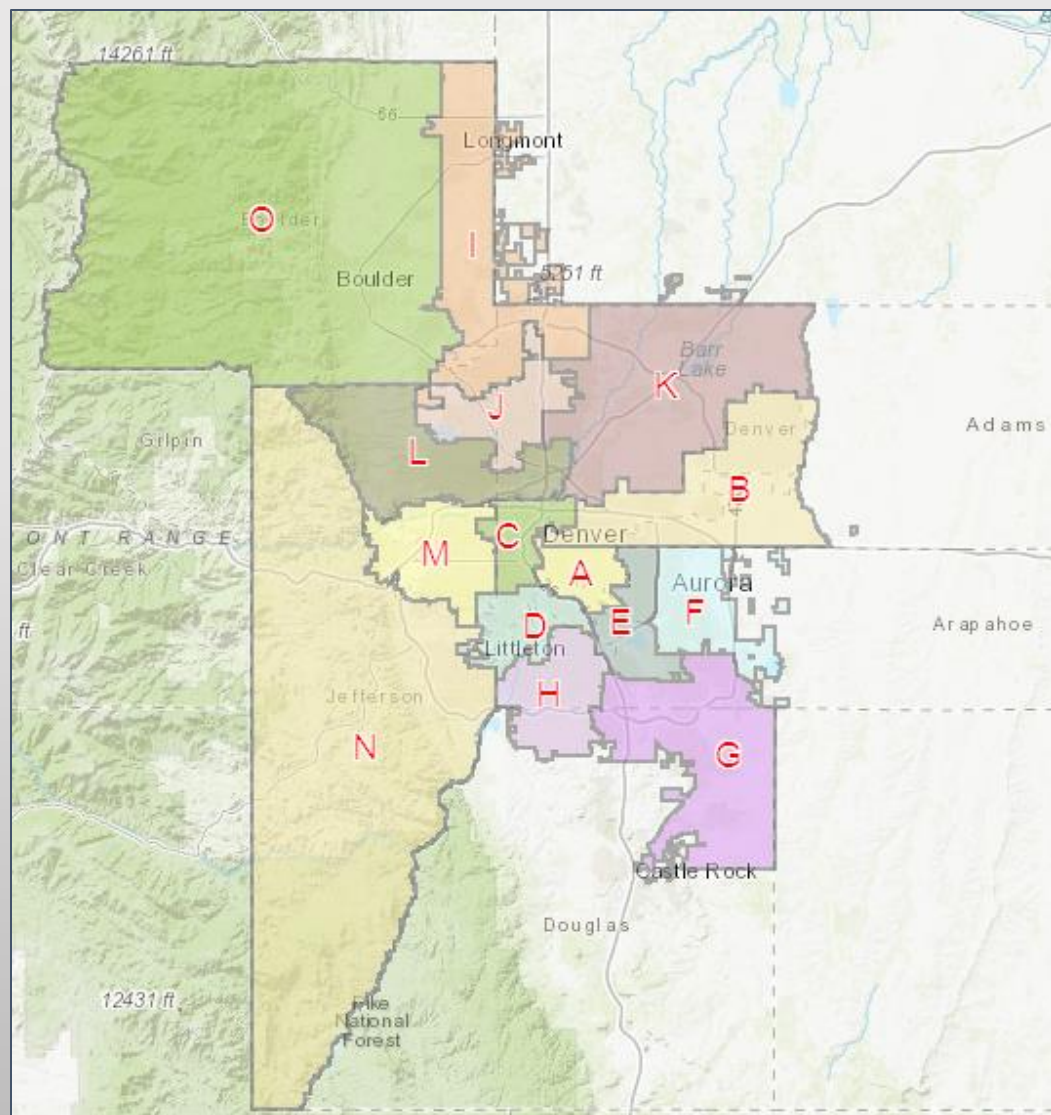
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# RTD FasTracks





# RTD's Director Regions

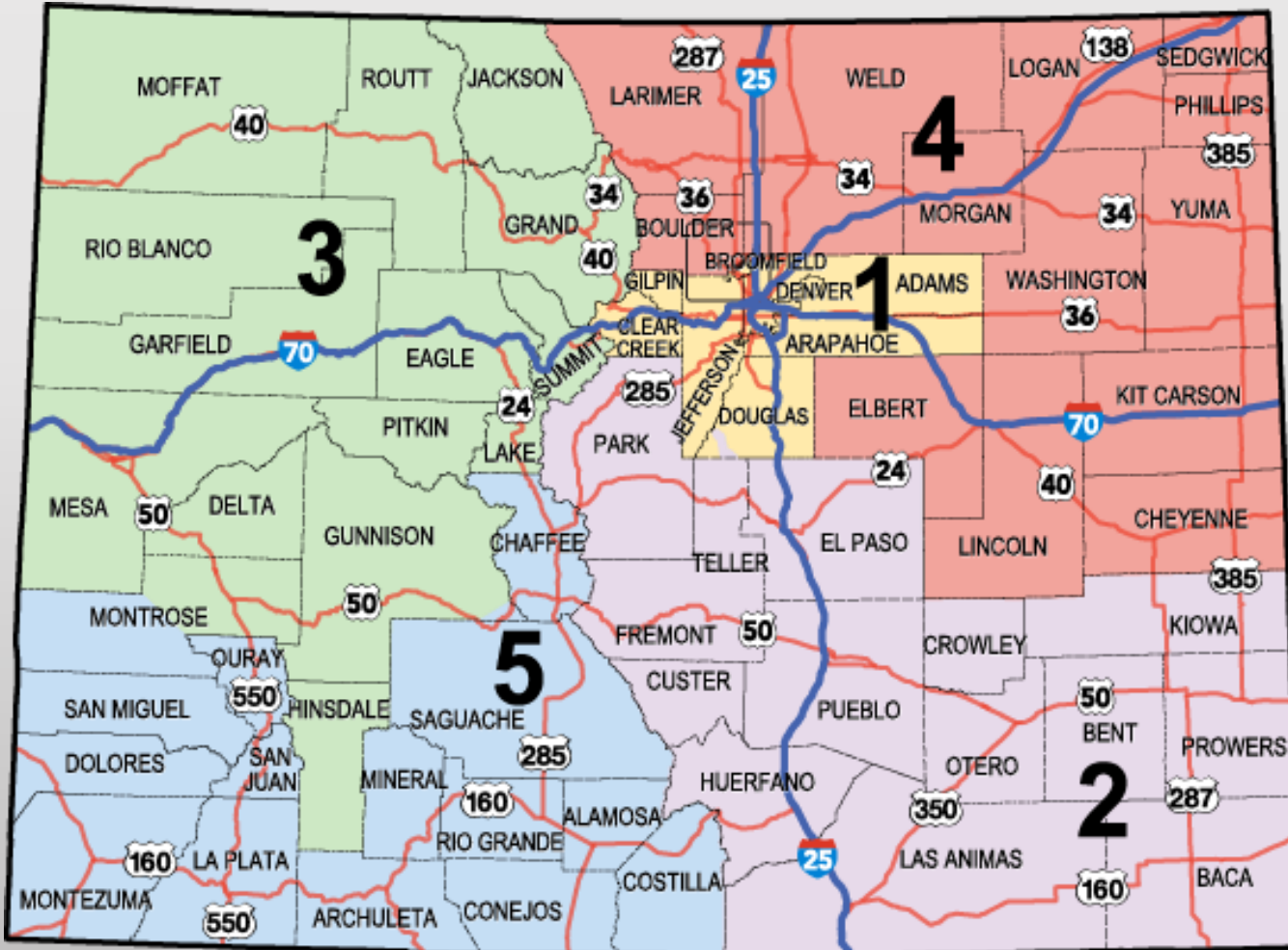


Region	RTD Directors	
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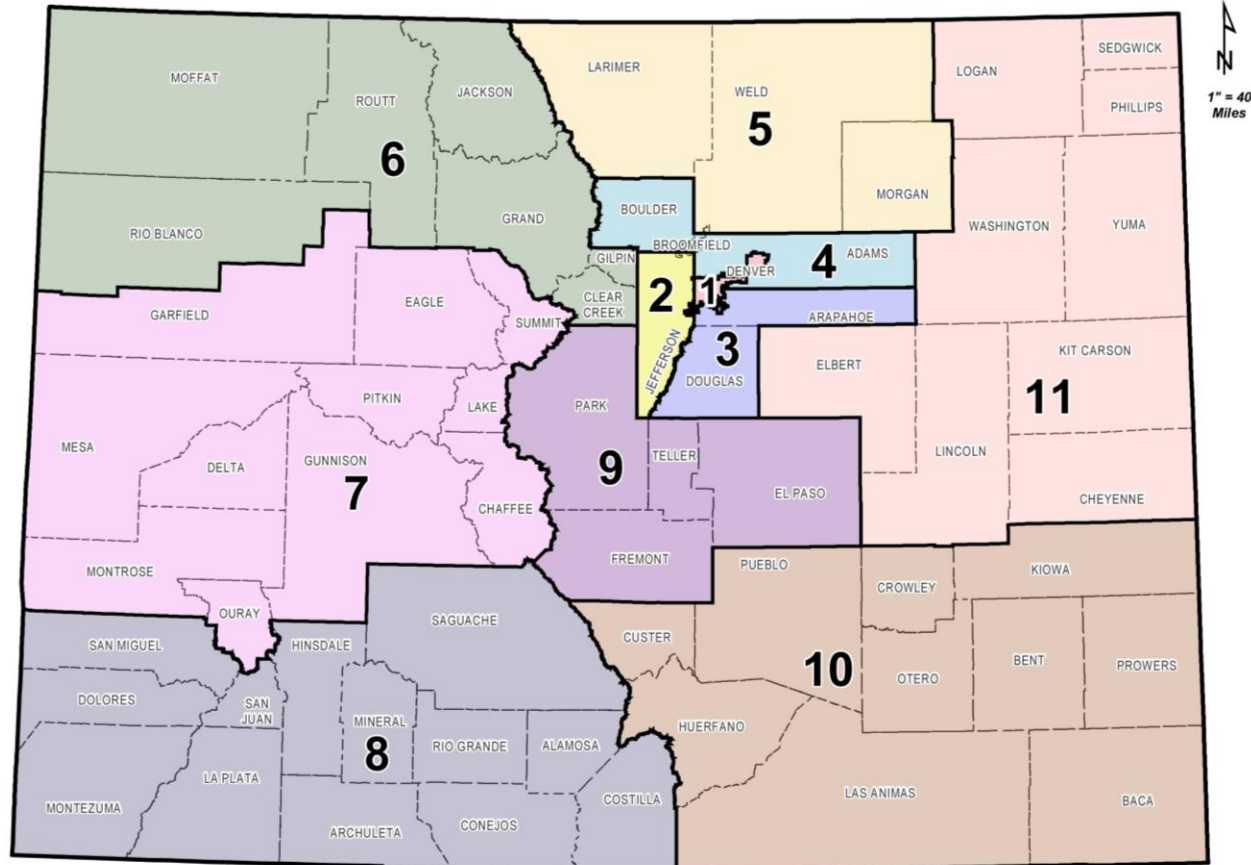
# CDOT's Engineering Regions



Region #	Regional Transportation Directors	
1	<b>Paul Jesaitis</b> 2829 W. Howard Pl., Denver, CO 80204	303-759-2368
2	<b>Richard Zamora</b> 5615 Wills Blvd. Pueblo, CO 81008	719-562-5568
3	<b>Michael Goolsby</b> 222 South 6th St., #317, Grand Junction, CO 81501	970-243-2368
4	<b>Heather Paddock</b> 10601 West 10th St., Greeley, CO 80634	970-350-2368
5	<b>Julie Constan</b> 3803 North Main Ave., #306, Durango, CO 81301	970-385-1423



# CDOT's Commission Districts



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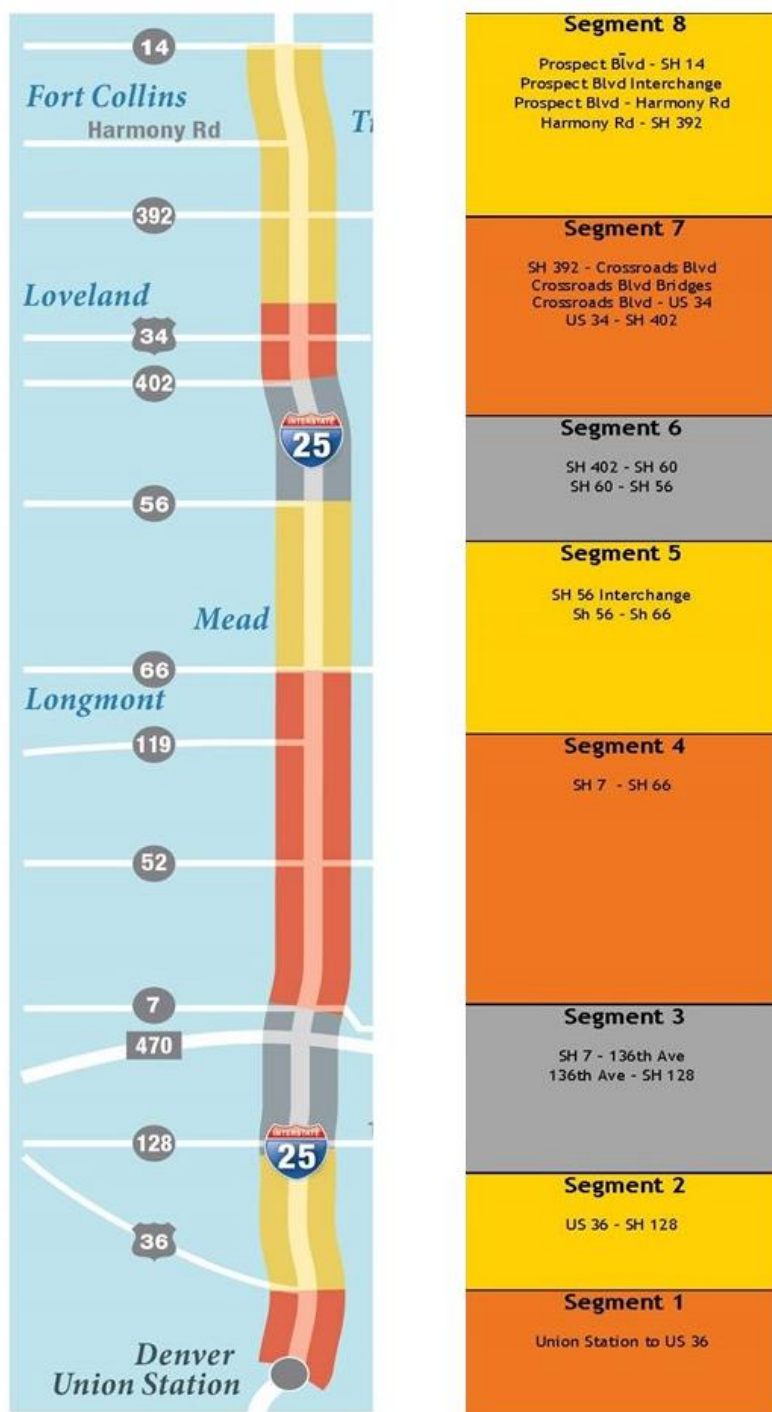
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Region #	CDOT Transportation Commissioners	
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6	Barbara Vasquez	Commissioner.vasquez@state.co.us
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11	Gary Beedy	Commissioner.beedy@state.co.us



# I-25 Project Segments



- Segments 6, 7 and 8: Express Lanes partially funded and under construction. Project includes reconstruction of some bridges, new interchanges and mobility hubs.
- Segment 5: Express lanes planned but unfunded. Mobility hubs funded and under construction at Berthoud.
- Segment 4: Express Lanes planned but unfunded. Mobility hub at Firestone/Longmont in planning and design phase.
- Segment 3: Express Lanes completed to NWP/E-470. Express Lanes gap from NWP/E-470 to SH 7. Reconstruction of existing I-25/SH7 interchange to a diverging diamond interchange and mobility hub planned but unfunded.
- Segment 2: Express Lanes completed. Planned but still unfunded improvements for this segment include general purpose lanes, auxiliary lanes between intersections, 88<sup>th</sup> bridge reconstruction, inside and outside shoulders and bus operational improvements.
- Segment 1: Unfunded proposal for Express Lanes conversion to bi-directional lanes



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# Matrix of Influence



Organization	Specific Body	Individual	Geographic Location
State Legislature	TLRC	Faith Winter (Chair), Matt Gray (Vice Chair)	Westminster, Broomfield
	Senate Transportation Committee	Faith Winter (Chair)	Westminster
	House Transportation Committee	Matt Gray (Vice Chair)	Broomfield
CDOT	Transportation Commissioner District 4	Karen Stuart (Chair)	Broomfield, Adams County, Boulder County
	Transportation Commissioner District 5	Kathleen Bracke	Weld County, Larimer County, Morgan County
	RTC	Karen Stuart	Broomfield, Adams County, Boulder County
	STAC	Ashley Stolzmann	Louisville
	CML	Karen Stuart (CDOT Rep.)	Broomfield, Adams County, Boulder County
	HPTE	Karen Stuart (Board Member)	Broomfield, Adams County, Boulder County
	Leadership on Executive Committee	Ashley Stolzmann	Louisville
DRCOG	TAC	Kent Moorman (Chair), Debra Baskett, Brook Svoboda, Phil Greenwald, Kevin Ash, Sarah Grant, Carson Priest	Thornton, Westminster, Northglenn, Longmont, Frederick, Broomfield, SCMN

Organization	Specific Body	Individual	Geographic Location
RTD	District Director I	Erik Davidson	Broomfield, Longmont, Thornton
	District Director J	Vince Buzek	Federal Heights, Thornton, Westminster, Northglenn, Adams County
	District Director K	Troy Whitmore	Brighton, Commerce City, Thornton
	District Director L	Shelley Cook	Arvada, Adams County
	District Director O	Lynn Guissinger	Boulder, Louisville
	RTC	Vince Buzek	Federal Heights, Thornton, Westminster, Northglenn, Adams County
	Accountability Committee	Julie Mullica (Governance Committee Chair)	Northglenn
	CAC	Nancy McNally / Catherine Sanders	Westminster / SCMN, Northglenn
CML	Executive Board	Jessica Sandgren	Thornton
	Policy Committee	Anita Seitz (Chair)	Westminster
MACC	Transportation Committee	Steve O'Dorisio	Adams County
CC4CA	Membership	Jenny Willford, Anita Seitz	Northglenn, Westminster



# Front Range Passenger Rail Commission



## Voting Members

Jill Gaebler	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Nathan Anderson	Class 1 Railroad Representative - Union Pacific Railroad
Chris Wiseman	Pueblo Area Council of Governments
Becky Karasko	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
Rick Klein	Resident of Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, or Pueblo Counties
Sal Pace, Vice Chair	Passenger Rail Advocate
DJ Mitchell	Class 1 Railroad Representative - BNSF Railway
Phil Rico	South Central Council of Governments
Jim Souby, Chair	Passenger Rail Advocate
Bill Van Meter	Regional Transportation District

## Non-Voting Members

David Singer	Colorado Department of Transportation (DTR/Director)
Rob Eaton	Amtrak
Dale Steenbergen	Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chamber of Commerce

*The Passenger Rail Commission (aka, the Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission) coordinates and oversees efforts by state and local governments—and cooperates with Kansas, New Mexico, Amtrak and the BNSF Railway (BNSF)—to ensure completion of track repairs and upgrades required to continue Southwest Chief Rail service in Colorado.*

*Additionally, the Commission facilitates the development of a Front Range Passenger Rail system, as well as legislation for rail service in and along the I-25 corridor that is a well-integrated component of a modern, efficient and cost-effective multimodal transportation system.*





# Congressional Delegation



- Senator Bennet: James Thompson, [james\\_thompson@senate.bennet.gov](mailto:james_thompson@senate.bennet.gov)
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- Rep. Neguse: Kim Redd, [kim.redd@house.mail.com](mailto:kim.redd@house.mail.com)
- Rep. Perlmutter: Jeremy Rodriguez, [jeremy\\_rodriguez@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy_rodriguez@mail.house.gov)
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# NATA Project Priority List



## Priority Projects

- North I-25 Preferred Package from PEL Study (US 36 – SH 7)
  - I-25 Managed Lanes (120<sup>th</sup> – E470)
  - I-25 Managed Lanes (E-470 – SH 7)
  - I-25 and SH 7 Interchange
  - I-25 Express Lanes conversion to bi-directional
  - I-25 Regional Bus Service (Longmont – Denver)
  - I-270 Corridor Improvements
  - I-270 – 60<sup>th</sup> & US 85 Intersection Improvements
  - RTD FasTracks Phase II (124<sup>th</sup> to 162<sup>nd</sup>)
  - 128<sup>th</sup> between Pecos – Zuni Improvements
  - 120<sup>th</sup> BRT Improvements
  - SH 7 BRT Improvements Brighton – Boulder
  - SH 52 Improvements (Dacono and Frederick)
  - US 85 & 120<sup>th</sup> PEL: New Interchange
  - Sheridan Blvd. US 36 – 88<sup>th</sup> Improvements
  - RTD B-Line / NW Rail (Westminster – Downtown Westminster)
- \* Projects highlighted in yellow are on CDOT 10-Year Plan \*



ADAMS COUNTY BRIGHTON BROOMFIELD  
COMMERCE CITY DACONO ERIE FREDERICK  
FEDERAL HEIGHTS FIRESTONE LONGMONT  
NORTHGLENN THORNTON WESTMINSTER  
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PARTNERSHIP SMART COMMUTE METRO  
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## SHARED VISION

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a partnership of public and private entities working to identify, develop, advocate, and promote transportation solutions enhancing mobility, driving economic development, and reducing traffic congestion in the north metro Denver area.

The NATA coalition is comprised of thirteen jurisdictions, Adams County Regional Economic Partnership and Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Management Organization. Established in 2009, NATA meets monthly to identify projects, strategies, and policies that further our regional transportation priorities.

Our collective goal for multi-modal solutions is built on partnership relationships with CDOT, RTD and our stakeholder community. Cooperatively established criteria identifies and supports our most important transportation projects and services. Our priorities ensure a balanced, equitable and manageable number of projects that are most important to our member jurisdictions.

The north metro area shares a vision for transportation and transit improvements ensuring economic vitality. I-25 is our region's backbone of commerce, but we are not keeping up with the transportation demands needed to maintain our competitive edge.

PEOPLE ARE ALREADY HERE

# 720K

NATA CURRENT POPULATION

### Keep Workforce Moving

Local planning anticipates the additional development of the health care sector, science and technology parks, distribution centers and partnership education facilities.

### Local Investment

NATA's local governments have made significant investments to support regional highway and transit improvements. Future transportation investments will include innovative technology for mobility options that will improve safety, alleviate congestion and improve air quality.

A SINGLE DAY  
ON I-25 SEES  
260,000 CARS



### Transportation Investments

The north metro region is fast growing and rich with economic opportunity for commercial and residential development. With over 55,000 new residences planned and over 4,000 acres available for commercial, industrial and retail development, this region rivals any in Colorado for future economic investment.

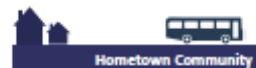
In the spring of 2020, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) completed construction and implementation of 24 miles of Express Lanes on I-25 from US 36 to NWP/E-470. These Express Lanes provide a more efficient travel lane for existing express bus service, and when completed to I-25/CO7 sometime in the future, can facilitate Bus Rapid Transit service to and from the northern reaches of NATA.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) opened the first segment of the N Line, a 18-mile commuter rail service from Denver Union Station to Thornton in September 2020. This 13 mile portion of the N Line includes 7 stations from Eastlake at 124th to Denver Union Station with station stops in Thornton, Northglenn, and Commerce City. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) are planned for and expected to flourish near N Line stations. With this transit addition, some, but not all of the NATA jurisdictions are now connected to the greater FasTracks system serving the Denver metro area. The completion of FasTracks continues to be a priority for NATA.





# WE ARE NATA



## Hometown Community

Longmont is a diverse, vibrant, independent community north of Denver, where it is easy for residents, workers and visitors to make personal, cultural, and transportation connections. As the saying goes, "You belong in Longmont".



## Quality of Life & Economic Growth

Erie is building a thriving mixed-use Town Center, has flex/light industrial opportunities at the Erie Airport, and the 600-acre Erie Gateway on I-25 combines commercial, mixed-use retail, entertainment and housing. Easy access to Colorado's world-class research, academic, and recreation, with a small-town feel.



## Connected Community

Along I-25, Broomfield is a fast growing community with a variety of housing options and employment opportunities in health care, high tech, and R&D complemented by an array of service industry and retail jobs. Transit along CO 7 and improvements to I-25 are imperative to alleviate significant traffic and improve air quality regionally.



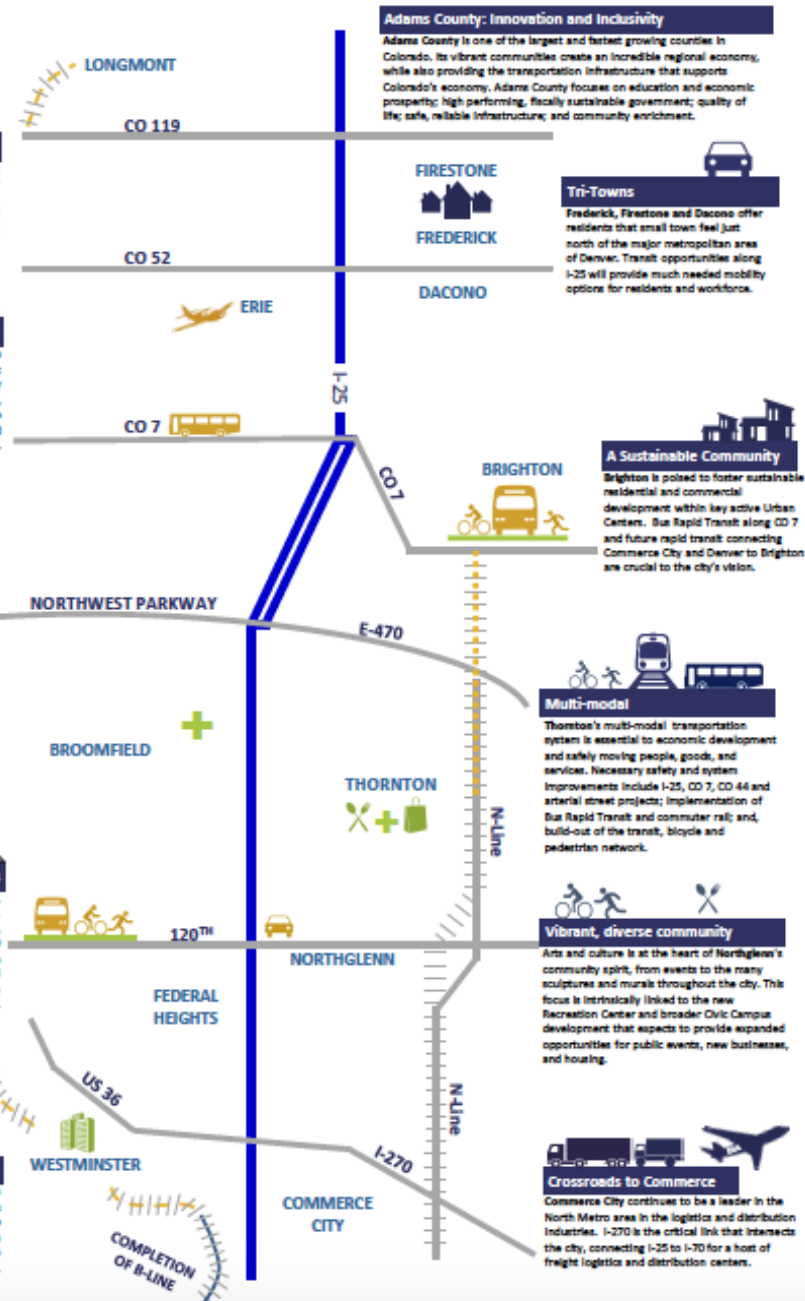
## Rising to Great Heights

Federal Heights is home to Water World, one of the largest water parks in the nation. With thousands of summer visitors, proximity to Denver and over 1,500 employees, efficient traffic flow, access to efficient transit and multi-modal transportation opportunities is important to the city's economic vitality.



## Urban Center

Westminster's Downtown is emerging as a mixed-use development and community, as well as a regional destination. Extending the B-Line will support its full potential as a sustainable urban center of the Colorado Front Range.



## PRIMARY PROJECTS

# LIST

### I-25 Highway Infrastructure and Transit Improvements:

- US 36 to CO 7 Safety and Operational Improvements
- I-25 Express Lanes complete to CO 7
- I-25 / CO 7 Interchange Replacement – DDI and Mobility Hub
- Bi-directional Express lanes from Downtown Denver to US 36
- I-25 Bus Rapid Transit Service from Denver Union Station to CO 119

### I-270 Infrastructure Improvements:

- Safety, Operational and Capacity Improvements

### 120th Ave. Infrastructure and Transit Improvements:

- Safety and Operational Improvements
- Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Improvements from Broomfield to Brighton

### CO 7 – Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Improvements from Boulder to Brighton

### CO 52 – Safety Improvements, Road Widening and Intersection Improvements

### US 85 – Interchange at 120th Avenue

### Sheridan Blvd. – Safety Improvements:

- Road Widening from US 36 to Sheridan Blvd.
- Bikeway Underpass

### 104th Avenue (CO 44) – Safety Improvements

### RTD FasTracks N Line – Completion to CO 7

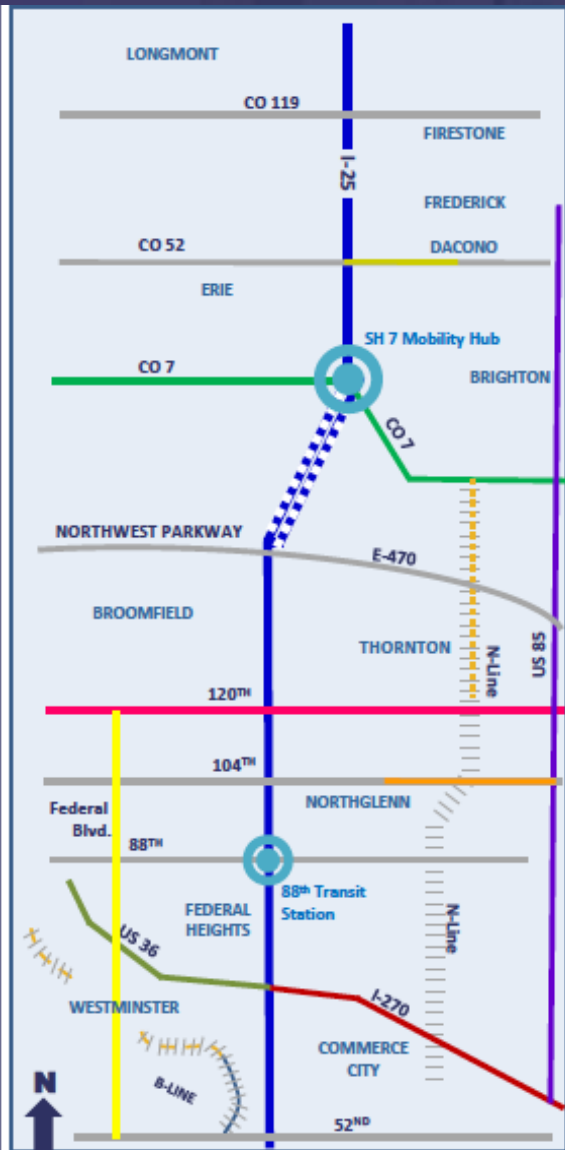
### RTD FasTracks B Line – Constructed to 88th Avenue / Harlan Street

\* A complete list and description of NATA priority projects can be found at

[northareatransportation.net/mastertoolslist](http://northareatransportation.net/mastertoolslist)



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## LEGEND

- I-25 Projects
- 120th Ave. Projects
- CO 52 Projects
- Sheridan/US 36 Projects
- 104th Ave. Project
- Mobility Hub / Transit Station Projects
- I-270 Projects
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- Federal Blvd. Project
- I-25 Managed Lanes
- NW & North Metro Rail Line Projects





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# NATA FOCUS 2021



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  - 2021 Transportation Funding Bill
  - "American Jobs Plan" - Federal Transportation Funding
  - Bill to "Create Front Range Passenger Rail District"
  - Front Range Passenger Rail
- Longer term vision