

The Honorable Board of Directors Regional Transportation District 1660 Blake Street Denver, Colorado 80202

May 23, 2019

Dear Board of Directors,

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. The coalition includes Adams County, City and County of Broomfield, cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Dacono, Erie, Federal Heights, Firestone, Frederick, Northglenn, Longmont, Thornton, and Westminster; Adams County Economic Development, Inc., the Metro North Chamber and Smart Commute Metro North.

On behalf of NATA, I want to emphasize it is important to our communities that we receive an integrated bus/rail service on opening day of the N-Line. To achieve this, RTD needs to complete its investment in the North Line by procuring new buses and not cannibalizing buses from other operations around the region.

To this end, we strongly support a 2019 budget modification authorizing the purchase of additional buses to meet the twelve-month lead time needed to procure the vehicles.

Our respective staffs are engaged in discussions regarding proposed bus service routes to accommodate the N-Line station connections. We look forward to the forthcoming public comment period on those proposed routes changes, which we understand cannot occur until funds are identified to implement the bus services changes.

Sincerely,

Chaz Tedesco, Adams County Commissioner NATA 2019 Chair Cc: NATA Membership