



Dave Genova, General Manager
Regional Transportation District
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Dear Mr. Genova,

As the elected leaders of over a million residents of the north metro region, we find it necessary to set forth clear expectations about our relationship with the Regional Transportation District (RTD). We feel the need to reiterate the importance of delivering a region-wide transit system that will connect all parts of the metro area, and will provide mobility and economic vitality throughout the RTD taxing district.

This letter outlines the NATA Board's desire to develop a more collaborative relationship with RTD; one that is founded on principles of trust, shared goals, and credibility. If we can't achieve this, we will be compelled to explore ALL legal avenues available to us to meet the transit needs within our communities.

Since the 2004 vote to approve FasTracks, the north metro region has waited for the delivery of a multi-modal public transit system with service throughout the taxing district only to be regularly disappointed by multi-year delays, missed milestones, impending service reductions, operational issues, contractor lawsuits, redirection of resources, and incomplete projects without clear paths forward. We find ourselves constantly advocating for solutions with no outcomes from RTD that show solving these issues are also important to RTD.

We believe our partnership relationship should be a collaborative effort that will be strengthened by better communication efforts. We have been disappointed by RTD's failure to provide advance communication to local officials about delays and missed deadlines and proposed service cuts. We cannot accept misinformation and shifting reasons to justify the performance issues our residents must endure. While we have been encouraged by the recent improvement of more timely communication directed to our elected officials and senior staff, we want assurance that this commitment will continue as the senior leadership "re-imagines RTD".

Going forward, we expect RTD to meet milestones, communicate in a fashion that is timely, accurate, and credible, and deliver on projects that meet the transportation needs of our communities. We expect RTD to advocate for and lead a focused effort to consider and find innovative and inclusive solutions for completing the elements of the system that are incomplete.

We look forward to working in a closer partnership with RTD as the organization moves into its next era.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Chaz Tedesco, Chair
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NATA List of Projects and Service Needs:

- ❖ Timely opening in 2020 of the N-Line to 124th/Eastlake
- ❖ Completion of the N-Line to 162nd as promised in the FasTracks vote
- ❖ Complete express bus service on I-25 to SH7
- ❖ Completion of the NAMS recommendations
- ❖ Establish Northwest Rail Peak Service
- ❖ Fund and use the FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA) as approved by the Board of Directors in 2016 to furthering currently unfunded FasTracks project obligations
- ❖ Participate with CDOT and local jurisdictions on the I-25 /84th project that implements the PEL safety and mobility improvements that include a center loading bus platform for express bus service. Identify funding for the RTD construction components
- ❖ Participate with CDOT and local jurisdictions planning for Bus Rapid Transit service along Federal Blvd, including operational funding.
- ❖ Participate with CDOT and local jurisdictions for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit service on SH7 that will connect Boulder to Brighton

Cc RTD Senior Management
RTD Board of Directors