



Angie Rivera-Malpiede, Chair  
Regional Transportation District  
1660 Blake street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

SUBJECT: Interim RTD General Manager

January 17, 2020

Dear Chair Malpiede,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on candidates for the Interim General Manager of the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a partnership of public and private entities including thirteen jurisdictions 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 congestion in the north metro area. We have had a long history of collaborating with RTD to advance their regional transit vision, support FasTracks projects throughout the metro region and promote ridership opportunities that support RTD's mission.

As the Board of Directors makes this important hire for Interim General Manager, NATA offers the following comments. We recommend:

- The person **who is committed to a timely opening of the N-Line** this year, delivering train service with May or August 2020 service changes as promised by RTD – this train will provide thousands of riders in the north area with increased mobility options and connectivity to the existing FasTracks system
- The person who has significant management experience of a large and complex organization, a **demonstrated track record of success** in the transit field, and who can therefore move forward with little acclimation time, and can implement changes during this interim time
- The person who recognizes that RTD has significant challenges, and **will evaluate the organization with an unbiased eye**, and who can offer an approach to resolve some of these challenges
- The person **who values transparency and communication**
- The person who is willing to listen to stakeholders, but **can make tough decisions** and move forward
- The person who will remain neutral during the national search and selection process for a permanent GM, and provide a supportive transition when the time comes

It is our opinion that only a candidate currently external to RTD can fill this important role, resetting RTD's path forward and restore the confidence of the general public stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Julie Mullica, Chair of NATA  
City of Northglenn Councilmember