

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURPOSE STATEMENT AND TOP TWO PRIORITIES OF THE NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE (NATA).

WHEREAS, the cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Dacono, Erie, Firestone, Frederick, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster, the city and county of Broomfield and the Metro North Chamber of Commerce recently approved a Memorandum of Understanding to form the North Area Transportation Alliance (“NATA”); and

WHEREAS, NATA is a partnership of public and private entities in the North I-25 Corridor working together 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; and

WHEREAS, NATA members held their first organizational meeting on August 26, 2009 to elect officers, address administrative matters, develop a purpose statement and priorities; and

WHEREAS, staff representatives involved in transportation planning/policy development from each of the communities met prior to the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and identified eleven transportation needs and developed a recommended purpose statement; and

WHEREAS, the eleven transportation needs were further categorized into three Tiers with Tier One being those projects of highest priority as follows:

### Tier One

- Completion of RTD’s North Metro FasTracks Corridor in its entirety from Denver Union Station to 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue by fall of 2015.
- Widening of I-25 south of E-470 with Toll-Hot/Express Bus Lanes and general purpose lanes to US 36 – to address this “gap” in the planned improvements.

### Tier Two

- Southwest Weld County exploration of going to their voters and annexing into the Regional Transportation District.
- Construct Northeast Rail Corridor – NexTracks right-of-way purchase with FasTracks.
- Extend North Metro Line from 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue north to the Erie/Dacono Interchange on RTD right-of-way.
- Additional extension of North Metro from the Erie/Dacono Interchange north and west to Longmont; need new right-of-way.

### Tier Three

- Bus service to DIA using I-25 and E-470.

- US 85 Highway improvements including some widening and interchanges.
- State Highway 7 improvements including widening.
- State Highway 52 improvements including widening; and

WHEREAS, NATA desires to reiterate its support of the widening of I-25 to additional laneage from SH 7 south to US 36; and

WHEREAS, the technical group also recommended the following purpose statement: "To promote and obtain improved transportation within the NATA area in the form of passenger rail, bus service, and highway improvements in the I-25 Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, the NATA members desire to formally approve the purpose statement and Tier One priorities as the top two priorities of NATA; and

WHEREAS, NATA will develop a work plan and strategies take the necessary steps to achieve implementation of the top two priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose statement is hereby approved as follows: "To promote and obtain improved transportation within the NATA area in the form of passenger rail, bus service, and highway improvements in the I-25 Corridor".
2. The top two priorities of NATA are as follows:
  - Completion of RTD's North Metro FasTracks Corridor in its entirety from Denver Union Station to 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue by 2015.
  - Widening of I-25 south of E-470 with Toll-Hot/Express bus lanes and general purpose lanes to US 36 – to address this "gap" in the planned improvements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the North Area Transportation Alliance on September 23, 2009.

NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE

  
Erik Hansen, Chair