

# US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition and 36 Commuting Solutions 2017 Policy Agenda

The following policy agenda outlines priorities to implement an effective transportation system that meets our region's growing demands.

**Population in the Denver metro region is projected to grow from 3.2 million in 2015 to 4.3 million in 2040.**

## **Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)/Enhanced Bus Service**

Seek non-FasTracks funding and support for capital and operating improvements necessary to implement an arterial BRT/Enhanced Bus Service network, including supportive multi-modal system enhancements.

## **Northwest Rail**

Support creative and alternative rail implementation strategies (including level of service phasing) based on changes in BNSF's position, costs, ridership, and funding sources.

## **I-25 Bi-Directional Managed Lanes**

Seek funding and support for the construction of additional managed lanes between US 36 and downtown Denver to facilitate bi-directional service to benefit the broader region (both North I-25 and US 36 connections to/from Denver) and support interim measures, including Bus on Shoulder operations.

## **Managed Lanes**

Support managed lanes as a practical solution for improving mobility by providing viable travel options in congested corridors. Also support pricing to help manage corridor performance, such as dynamic, variable-priced tolls linked to congestion.

## **Rail/Transit Stations**

Support funding and implementation of station investments and First-and-Final-Mile infrastructure and programs that serve both BRT and future rail.

## **Railroad Crossing Quiet Zones**

Support flexibility in, and funding for implementation of, quiet zones along the length of the northwest rail corridor, with a priority on crossings that benefit the greatest number of residents in the most cost-effective manner.

## **Transportation Funding**

Support state or regional transportation funding that includes a commitment for a substantial percentage of multi-modal investment (e.g., 36 Commuting Solutions supported MPACT 64's previous proposal to allocate 33 percent of new statewide transportation funding for transit purposes).

## **US 36 Bus Rapid Transit System**

Seek funding and support for the full implementation of the US 36 BRT system as committed to in the 2004 FasTracks ballot measure, including relocation of the Church Ranch station boarding platforms, improvements to the Sheridan pedestrian bridge and structured parking for Broomfield station. Also, seek additional Flatiron Flyer BRT service expansion to fully serve communities along the corridor.

**From 1991 to 2015, Colorado's population grew by 2.1 million residents, yet the dollars spent per person for transportation fell from \$125.70 to \$68.94**

Building momentum for the northwest metro region.