

April 11, 2018

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives from the Northwest Metro Region:

Commuting Solutions is a nonprofit organization founded in 1998 representing both private businesses and the communities in the northwest metro area whose mission is *to advocate for mobility solutions connecting people to places in the northwest metro region for today and the future.*

We are appreciative that statewide transportation funding is a top priority for the legislature on the part of both chambers. We understand there are currently two very different approaches for each chamber to address transportation funding, which presents a critical juncture in your considerations. To that end, Commuting Solutions urges the Colorado General Assembly to consider the following priorities as you seek to find common ground on an approach to fund the state's transportation needs:

First, we support creation of a new funding stream for statewide, multi-modal transportation investments that does not divert revenues from current state spending priorities.

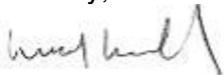
Second, we support dedication of a significant portion of new funding for multi-modal purposes, ideally the same percentages negotiated last year with HB17-1242.

Third, a significant portion of new revenue should be directed to local governments to address local mobility priorities, including roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and transportation demand management capital and operating investments.

Fourth, managed lanes must be strongly and explicitly considered during the planning and development of significant capacity improvements on state highway facilities. This approach follows the successful US 36 managed lanes model, supports regional equity and ensures new capacity will be congestion-free for the long-term while encouraging transit and high occupancy/carpool commute options.

We strongly support your desire to invest in our state's multi-modal infrastructure and operations and to make transportation a priority in Colorado again. We are prepared to work with you, the rest of the statehouse delegation and campaign supporters to advocate for a balanced solution which addresses the volatility of transportation funding and jumpstarts critical multi-modal transportation projects across the state of Colorado.

Sincerely,



David Driscoll
Board Chairperson