

US 36 MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS COALITION OVERVIEW



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COALITION BACKGROUND, GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition and Commuting Solutions have advocated for multi-modal transportation investments in the northwest metro region for over 20 years.

In partnership with our federal, state and regional partners, our accomplishments include:

Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS)

- The 2014 NAMS assessed and prioritized mobility improvements for the northwest metro region.
- Proposed projects that would create an integrated mobility system:
 - Create arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors for SH 119, SH 7, US 287, South Boulder Road, 120th Avenue, and enhanced transit service on SH 42 and 28th Street/Broadway;
 - Complete B Line (Northwest Rail);
 - Implement railroad quiet zones along B Line alignment;
 - Complete remaining elements of US 36 BRT;
 - Complete the Denver-area managed lanes and BRT system by constructing infrastructure on I-25 between US 36 and North I-25 to downtown Denver to support all-day, bi-directional travel.
- These priorities require additional federal, state, regional and local funding.



US 36 Express Lanes Project

- Flatiron Flyer Bus Rapid Transit service increased ridership 9 percent since August 2016, to 12,000 passengers per day.
- The US 36 Bikeway carried 80,000 cycling trips in 2017.
- Traffic speeds are 20-29 percent faster during commute hours (comparing pre-construction to current).



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Federal Requests

- The US 36 Coalition is requesting continued support for:
 - **SH 119 multi-modal corridor funding (BRT, managed lanes and bikeway.** SH 119 has 1,500 riders/day; 52-86% increase projected);
 - Appropriate the authorized funding levels in the FAST Act for the Capital Investment Grants Programs in 2020 - \$2,301.8 billion;
 - Continue funding for the BUILD and CRISI grant programs;
 - Streamline train horn rules and quiet zone implementation through the review of the FRA's locomotive train horn regulations;
 - Incentivize/encourage the railroads to work with local governments to share track for commuter rail operations;
 - Federal funding of safety improvements for commuter rail service and Transit Oriented Development areas.



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Completing the B Line (Northwest Rail)

- The B Line has over 1,800 riders per day; 30% more than projected.
- The US 36 Coalition is working to identify funding to complete the B Line from Westminster to Longmont.
- RTD may not have the capacity to complete the B Line for several decades. In the interim, the agency is exploring operating trains during peak commute hours.

Anticipated State/Regional Funding Sources for SH 119

Source	Amount (In millions)
RTD	\$30
CDOT Region 4 Safety/Mobility & BRT Improvements (SB1 & SB 267 Funds)	\$20
CDOT Region 4 RPP Funds	\$9
CDOT DTR SB 267 Funds	\$10
Denver Regional Council of Governments, County and Local Communities	\$8.15
Total Anticipated Funding Identified (35% of project cost)	\$77.15M
Total Project Cost	\$220M

NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

