

US 36 MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS COALITION OVERVIEW



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COALITION BACKGROUND, GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) includes the jurisdictions of Boulder, Boulder County, Longmont, Erie, Lafayette, Superior, Louisville, City & County of Broomfield and Westminster.

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

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

Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS)

- The 2014 NAMS recommended, assessed and prioritized mobility improvements for the northwest metro region.
- Proposed projects that would create an integrated mobility system:
 - 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;
 - Completion of the B Line (Northwest Rail) from Westminster to Boulder and Longmont;
 - Railroad quiet zones along B Line alignment;
 - Completion of the remaining elements of US 36 BRT;
 - Completion of bi-directional managed, express lanes on N I-25 connecting US 36 to Downtown Denver.
- These priorities require additional federal, state, regional and local funding.



US 36 Bikeway



Flatiron Flyer



B Line

US 36 Express Lanes Project

- Flatiron Flyer Bus Rapid Transit service experiences 12,500 riders per weekday.
- 570 commuters travel the US 36 Bikeway each day.
- Travel speeds are 16% faster during the morning commute and 6% faster during the evening commute.



US 36 Express Lanes

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Federal Requests

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- The US 36 Coalition is requesting continued support for:
 - SH 119 multi-modal corridor funding (BRT, managed lanes and bikeway). The MCC will be submitting a 2020 BUILD Grant application.** SH 119 has 1,500 riders/day; 52-86% increase projected;
 - Appropriation of significant FY 2021 funding for the Capital Investment Grants Program, authorized by the FAST Act – \$2,301.8 billion;
 - Continued funding for the BUILD and CRISI grant programs, including funds to implement regional, highway, transit and rail corridor improvements;
 - Streamlined train horn rules and quiet zone implementation through the review of the FRA's locomotive train horn regulations;
 - Incentivizing/encouraging the railroads to work with local governments to share track for commuter rail operations;
 - Federal funding of safety improvements to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes for people using all modes of travel.



Progress on the B Line (Northwest Rail)

- The US 36 MCC is working to identify funding to complete the B-Line from Westminster to Boulder and Longmont, with station areas being planned and built as mixed-use Transit Oriented Development districts.
- The MCC and RTD are working together to explore interim peak commute service on the B Line until the RTD has the capacity to build and operate the ultimate level of passenger rail service.

Anticipated Funding Sources for SH 119

| Source | Amount (In millions) |
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| RTD | \$30 |
| CDOT* <small>* Project scope to be determined.</small> | \$49 |
| Denver Regional Council of Governments, County & Local Communities | \$14 |
| Total Anticipated Funding Identified | \$93M |
| Total Estimated Project Cost | \$250M** |

** Project design and engineering is currently underway; final project cost to follow.

NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

