

February 12, 2018

Colorado Department of Transportation
Transportation Commission
Executive Director Michael Lewis
4201 South Arkansas Avenue
Denver, CO 80201

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission and Executive Director Michael Lewis:

We are writing on behalf of Commuting Solutions, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the mobility of commuters in the northwest metro region today and for the future. Members of Commuting Solutions include the local governments of Boulder, Boulder County, Longmont, Superior, Louisville, Lafayette, Broomfield, Westminster and 85 private sector businesses, chambers of commerce and economic development organizations.

Commuting Solutions appreciated the opportunity to share our comments with the CDOT Transportation Commission at your recent meeting and for your openness to continue seeking stakeholder input to refine the CDOT project list. We support CDOT's work to prepare a statewide list of projects to demonstrate the significant need for additional transportation funding. We also appreciate and acknowledge the initial partial funding identified for SH 7, SH 42, and SH 119 multimodal corridor improvements in the current draft list of projects. However, we believe that, in order to achieve an equitable share for the northwest metro region, a greater commitment will be needed. Importantly, sufficient funding for our regional projects is needed so that the projects can be delivered in a timely manner for the northwest area traveler.

We urge you to identify additional project funding in coordination with northwest area local governments. We strongly support funding for regional arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes, and other multi-modal transportation improvements. Our highest regional priorities are SH 119, SH 7, SH 42/95th Street, US 287, US 36/28th St, SH 93/Broadway, as well as completion of the remaining capital improvements for Flatiron Flyer, including the US 36 & Broomfield north side Park-n-Ride, and relocation of the US 36 & Church Ranch station platform. These projects are essential linkages to build the base system, multimodal network needed for our citizens and business community over the next 20 years.

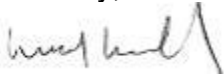
We recognize the need for statewide funding and that the metro region will continue to give more than we receive. However, our voters do not want to be short-changed again (as occurred with the RTD FasTracks ballot issue), if they are asked to vote for a statewide transportation ballot initiative.

We believe our northwest area voters will require a greater local return on their tax dollars and assurance that there is sufficient funding to timely complete projects if we expect them to support a tax increase for transportation.

Lastly, we would appreciate the Transportation Commission's commitment to resolve and specify how transit-related projects such as arterial BRT can be funded as part of comprehensive multimodal corridor projects using any new state funds.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input and look forward to engaging further on any transportation funding initiatives in the state. Please see the attached list for our proposed projects and funding.

Sincerely,



David Driscoll
Board Chairperson

cc: US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition
David Genova, RTD General Manager

Northwest Metro Region List of Priority Projects – February 2018

Corridor	Description	Cost Est.	Funding level shown in current draft CDOT list	Project List Funding Request	Source
SH119, downtown Boulder to downtown Longmont	Regional arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes, and other multi-modal improvements	\$230M - \$600+M	\$120M	\$300M	NAMS ¹ SH119 EA, Boulder County and Longmont
SH7, downtown Boulder to downtown Brighton	BRT, commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes and other multimodal improvements	\$352M	\$80M	\$180M	NAMS, regional PEL ² studies, EATP ³
US287, from SH66 to US36	BRT, commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes and other multimodal improvements	\$90M	\$0	\$45M	NAMS
SH42/95 th St	BRT, commuter bikeways, managed/express lanes and other multimodal improvements	\$12M	\$10M	\$12M	NAMS PEL
US36/28 th St and SH93/Broadway	Operational improvements for multiple regional BRT routes	\$26M	\$0	\$13M	NAMS
East Bound US36/Church Ranch and 36/Broomfield Stations	Remaining capital improvements for Flatiron Flyer. Broomfield north side PnR, relocation of Church Ranch Platform.	\$36.5M	\$0	\$36.5M	NAMS
Total		\$746M-\$1.116.5B	\$210M	\$586.5M	

¹ [Northwest Area Mobility Study](#) (2013)

² Planning Environmental Linkage Study

³ [East Arapahoe/SH7 Transportation Plan](#)