

US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition and Commuting Solutions 2019 Policy Agenda

The US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) and Commuting Solutions support federal, state and regional policy that is consistent with the positions identified in this Policy Agenda. These positions are informed by the 2014 consensus achieved during the Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS) - a 2014 collaborative initiative led by RTD which developed a prioritized list of mobility improvements for the northwest metro region. The US 36 MCC and Commuting Solutions support the following measures:

Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)/Enhanced Bus Service Projects

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

Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Deployment

Advocate for legislation that enables and encourages the deployment of connected and autonomous vehicles in Colorado where such vehicles are clean-fueled, safe and the deployment furthers local government policies.

Northwest Rail

Support full completion of the Northwest Commuter Rail Project to Longmont. Support creative and alternative rail implementation strategies (including level of service phasing) as circumstances affecting feasibility, such as a change in BNSF position, costs, ridership, and funding sources, evolve.

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.

Managed Lanes

Support implementation of permanent congestion-free managed lanes as a practical, cost-effective, long term strategy for improving corridor mobility for all users, including drivers and transit users, be they in managed or general purpose lanes.

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 federal, state and regional transportation funding that includes a commitment for a substantial percentage of multimodal investment. Support new bonding or other borrowing for transportation projects only if there are new or existing designated sources of funding identified to pay off those obligations. Simplify existing tools (e.g., Regional Transportation Authorities) or create new ones (e.g., Metropolitan Transportation Districts) that local governments can use to jointly generate funding to address transportation solutions.

US 36 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) 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 platform. Support Flatiron Flyer BRT service improvements and station area enhancements to more fully serve new and existing Transit Oriented Development in each community. Seek funding for implementation of the US 36 First and Final Mile study recommendations.



Navigating the road ahead.