

STATE HIGHWAY 7 COALITION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Coalition provides a forum to coordinate and advocate for the planning and implementation of multimodal transportation improvements and transit supportive development in the SH 7 corridor between Brighton and Boulder.

This Coalition unites all SH7 Policy Advisory Committee member communities in our collective intention to meaningfully participate in and support SH7 as a regional multimodal corridor with high quality-high frequency Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), a regional bikeway, pedestrian improvements and first and final mile supportive infrastructure and strategies. Furthermore, this Statement of Organization and Purpose documents and recognizes our collective commitment to work closely with Regional Transportation District (RTD), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the Federal Highway and Transit Administration's (FHWA and FTA) and each other to realize this goal.

Membership

The membership of the SH7 Coalition is comprised of representatives from the following jurisdictions: the cities of Boulder, Brighton, Lafayette, and Thornton; the Town of Erie; Adams County and Boulder County; and the City and County of Broomfield. Additionally, membership includes representatives from Commuting Solutions, the Northwest Chamber Alliance, Smart Commute Metro North and the University of Colorado. Representatives from RTD, CDOT, DRCOG, FHWA, FTA are invited to participate to ensure coordination and collaboration from stakeholder parties. The representatives to the Coalition are selected by the jurisdictions or agencies.

Scope

The SH7 Coalition desires to support multimodal projects and programs that are consistent with plans and studies conducted in the corridor, including strategies outlined in the CDOT State Highway 7 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study, the State Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and East Arapahoe/SH7 Transportation Plan. These strategies will continue to be refined in future follow-up studies, environmental clearances, design and construction projects required to achieve this outcome.

The Coalition seeks to advocate for a multimodal corridor that includes high quality/high frequency BRT and a regional bikeway accompanied by local bus, bike & pedestrian connections, first and final mile connections, and future innovative transportation modes. Coordinated strategies with local officials and developers along the corridor may include preserving right-of-ways needed for projects and developing supportive land uses around BRT station and bus stop areas, while respecting local goals and values.

The Coalition will advocate for and work collaboratively to secure funding for studies and improvements that support the goals outlined in the scope along the corridor through the DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the RTD Strategic Business Plan (SBP), the CDOT Development Program, and, when appropriate, by pursuing state and federal grants.

The SH 7 Corridor

