



September 24, 2014

Cindy Domenico, Chair
Boulder County Board of County Commissioners
PO Box 471
Boulder, CO 80306

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SH 7 BRT STUDY

Dear Commissioner Domenico,

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) supports Boulder County's application for DRCOG TIP funds to study Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along State Highway 7 between downtown City of Boulder and downtown City of Brighton. We believe this study would be a natural next step of the recently published S.H. 7 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study which identified the need for capital enhancements in this corridor. Included in these enhancements were transit queue jump lanes at the congested intersections, bus stops, bus pull outs, and other transit amenities. While the PEL was a comprehensive and extensive document it did not make any specific recommendations as to the location, cost or implementation schedule of the recommended transit improvements.

NATA believes that this new study is needed to refine the recommendations of the PEL, determine appropriate levels of new transit service in this corridor and identify specific locations for physical improvements. We are pleased that Boulder County is applying for these DRCOG funds and look forward to the potential of participating in this study with CDOT, RTD and our partner local agencies.

Sincerely,

Erik Hansen, Chair of NATA
Adams County Commissioner

C: NATA Board
Tony DeVito, CDOT Director Region 1