



April 4, 2014

Don Hunt
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 E. Arkansas
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Re: NATA Support for CDOT to advance the North I-25 Managed Lanes RAMP projects from 120th to S.H. 7

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Last October, the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) requested CDOT consider separating the north I-25 RAMP projects so we might begin working with your staff and HPTE on the segment between 120th Avenue to State Highway 7 (AdCo segment). We continue to have concerns about the AdCo segment being tied to the unknown outcomes of the I-25 corridor north of S.H. 7. First, you have full support from the communities for the AdCo segment; and second, although we encourage CDOT and our neighboring communities to the north to continue discussions regarding the next reasonable steps for improvements north of S.H. 7, we still feel this conversation should not slow down opportunities to advance the AdCo segment.

Furthermore, CDOT and FHWA are in the final stages of approving the North I-25 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study that identifies additional improvements needed along the corridor from U.S. 36 to S.H. 7 by 2035. We want to use the results of the PEL, in conjunction with any potential excess toll revenues from the future managed lanes from U.S. 36 to S.H. 7, to advance some or all of the recommendations from the study.

The AdCo segment is crucial for alleviating our North I-25 congestion problems and provides the opportunity to connect the discrete managed lane corridors of I-25, E-470, U.S. 36 and Northwest Parkway to start forming a real managed lanes system.

Because of the opportunities to both alleviate congestion and start building the managed lanes system, NATA requests the AdCo segment be advanced separate from the segments north of S.H. 7 as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working with you and your staff on this very important project.

Sincerely



Erik Hansen, Chair
Adams County Commissioner

cc: CDOT Commission
Mike Cheroutes, HPTE
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