



April 18, 2014

Phil Washington  
General Manager, Regional Transportation District  
1600 Blake Street  
Denver, CO 80220

Re: NATA Position on North Area Mobility Study (NAMS)

Dear Mr. Washington,

NATA appreciates the opportunity to participate in the NAMS study and believes the process provided a good forum to discuss possible phasing of the Northwest Rail while identifying key future arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors needed in the northwest Denver metro area.

Before commenting on the NAMS study, NATA would like to emphasize the importance of keeping the Northwest Rail corridor, in its entirety, in the FasTracks Plan. We realize a phased approach may be the most reasonable way to move forward with the corridor given the challenges of joint use of the rail line. However, we encourage you to continue your efforts to have an open dialogue with BNSF and the stakeholders to ensure no possible opportunity is missed to build out this corridor. We are supportive of the completion of the U.S. 36 BRT as envisioned by the U.S. 36 Coalition and construction of the final phase of North Metro from 124<sup>th</sup> to 162<sup>nd</sup>.

With regards to the NAMS study, we are encouraged by the development of several arterial BRT corridors, particularly the 120<sup>th</sup> and S.H. 7 arterial BRTs as these are a critical element to providing the much needed east-west regional bus connectivity in the north area to the North Metro line. We also support S.H. 119 as the top priority arterial BRT as this provides critical connectivity for Longmont. We look forward to having an


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on-going dialogue between your staff and NATA members to further develop strategies on the 120<sup>th</sup>, S.H. 7 and U.S. 287 future arterial BRT services.

As the RTD Board looks to approve the NAMS study in the near future, we hope to continue our positive, ongoing partnership with RTD on the NAMS and FasTracks elements outlined in this letter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Hansen', written over a horizontal line.

Erik Hansen, Chair of NATA  
Adams County Commissioner

cc: RTD Board of Directors  
NATA Members  
Chris Quinn, RTD NAMS Project Manager

