

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL TO INITIATE A PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGE STUDY FOR THE SECTION OF NORTH I-25 BETWEEN US 36 AND STATE HIGHWAY 7.

WHEREAS, in October 2009, representatives of the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) met with the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to discuss the need to initiate an environmental review of the section of North I-25 between US 36 and State Highway 7 as to the improvements needed to enhance the capacity and safety of this section; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that meeting NATA and CDOT created an ad hoc technical staff group consisting of representatives from NATA, as well as CDOT Regions 4 and 6, to meet and discuss how best to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, at the December 9, 2009 NATA meeting, the technical staff group reported that there is a new planning and environmental review process called a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study that they believed would be appropriate for this issue and that the advantages of this process were twofold: a) it would cost less than a regular environmental impact study and b) it allowed the identification of smaller projects than can be advanced given available funding and environmental approvals; and

WHEREAS, CDOT has indicated that it has funding available to initiate a PEL study for the section of North I-25 between US 36 and State Highway 7 and is seeking NATA's concurrence to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the PEL study would be a collaborative effort between CDOT's Regions 4, 6, and NATA, with the lead being provided by CDOT Region 6 staff; and

WHEREAS, CDOT has submitted a TIP amendment for this project to be considered by DRCOG as an amendment to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan as part of the first quarter 2010 amendments; and

WHEREAS, NATA wishes to support the initiation of a Planning and Environmental Linkage Study for this section of I-25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE, AS FOLLOWS:

That NATA supports CDOT's proposal to initiate a Planning and Environmental Linkage study of the section of North I-25 between US 36 and State Highway 7.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the North Area Transportation Alliance on February 3, 2010.

NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE



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Erik Hansen, Chair