



September 27, 2016

Board of Directors
Regional Transportation District
1600 Blake Street
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Retention of the FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA) to Complete FasTracks

Dear Honorable RTD Board Members:

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) appreciates staff's recent recommendation to retain the FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA), under the modified base scenario, in order to demonstrate a commitment to FasTracks. However, the Board needs to take a step further and seek alternatives that retain the existing funds and increase the FISA for construction of FasTracks.

It is not acceptable to our residents to wait two more decades for completion of FasTracks, particularly right now, when we have good construction costs and some corridors are mobilized for construction. Based on your staff's proposed plan, the FISA won't be built back up until 2040, and by then, it will likely be cost-prohibitive to complete any additional FasTracks corridors.

For these and other reasons we've articulated to many of you and your staff, we would strongly urge the RTD board not approve the 2016 Annual Program Evaluation (APE).

Our citizens expect us, as leaders of the metro region, to work together to come up with reasonable political and financial solutions to build the FasTracks system the voters approved in 2004. So if you have to vote in support of the 2016 APE, then vote on record noting your concern and desire to complete FasTracks by 2022 and then direct your staff to:

1. Start working with affected jurisdictions with unfunded FasTracks corridors to develop viable segments along corridors that can be built between now and 2022;
2. Involve local jurisdictions early to work together on the 2017 APE; and,
3. Commit any FasTracks revenues that exceed the projected forecasts to be put into the FISA account for construction in order to truly demonstrate RTD commitment to complete FasTracks.

You as board members must show the region that RTD hasn't given up. Show your support for the completion of FasTracks by either voting "no" this evening on the 2016 APE, or voting "yes" but with strong concerns about completing FasTracks and direct your staff to proceed with the 3 points we've outlined above.

Sincerely,

Randy Ahrens, Chair of NATA,
Mayor, City & County of Broomfield

c: NATA Members
Dave Genova, RTD General Manager