

**ADMINISTRATION – CITY MANAGER**  
**Memorandum #09-05**

**DATE:** June 25, 2009

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Kathleen M. Novak and City Council members

**FROM:** William Simmons, City Manager *WAS*

**SUBJECT:** CR-71 North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Attached is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which, if approved, would authorize the City to participate in the North Area Transportation Alliance. The MOU also incorporates the mission, membership and organization principles of NATA. At a recent organizational meeting the founding members agreed that they would like all the entities to review and act on these items by the middle to the end of June.

It is requested that Council give favorable consideration to pursue joining NATA given Northglenn's proximity to I-25 and the FasTracks north metro line.

**BACKGROUND:**

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is proposed to be a partnership of public and private entities in the North I-25 corridor working together to identify, develop, advocate and lobby for transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area.

The founding members are Adams and Weld Counties, Broomfield, Brighton, Commerce City, Dacono, Federal Heights, Frederick, Firestone, Erie, Northglenn, Longmont, Thornton, Westminster, the Metro North Chamber, and the Adams County Economic Development.

**BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:**

Annual membership dues of \$1,200 beginning in 2010. Other shared expenses for the organization for specific purposes such as lobbying may arise from time-to-time.

**STAFF REFERENCE:**

If Council members have any comments or questions, they may contact Bill Simmons at 303 450-8709 or email [wsimmons@northglenn.org](mailto:wsimmons@northglenn.org)

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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN AND VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES FORMING THE NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Northglenn and various public and private entities, forming the North Area Transportation Alliance ("NATA"), attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the City.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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KATHLEEN M. NOVAK  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO  
FORM THE NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE (“NATA”).

WHEREAS, the Denver region currently serves as home to 2.5 million people and another 1 million are expected to move to the metro area by 2030; and

WHEREAS, by 2030, a large number of the 1 million people moving to this area are anticipated to locate in communities north of Interstate 70 from that rely on north Interstate 25 as a major transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, north Interstate 25 has significant congestion issues now and the expected increase in transportation demand will only serve to increase this problem;

WHEREAS, transportation improvements in the north metro area are key to future economic development, improving mobility, and reducing traffic congestion in the north metro area; and

WHEREAS, the RTD FasTracks program approved by the voters in 2004 planned to provide commuter rail service to the entire Denver metro area including three lines to serve the geographic area north of I-25 through the North Metro Line, Northwest Rail and I-225 Corridor and to provide bus rapid transit improvements along US 36 by 2017; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that these lines will not be built by RTD FasTracks until 2034 or later thereby exacerbating the transportation problems for commuters in the north metro area and potentially limiting the future economic development potential of this area; and

WHEREAS, with no significant improvements planned to address congestion on north I-25 until after 2035, the communities whose residents and employers rely on north I-25 as the major transportation corridor desire to form a partnership of public and private entities in the north I-25 corridor to identify, develop, advocate and lobby for transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area; and

WHEREAS, a key objective of NATA is to provide an arena for the communities and employers who rely on the transportation systems along the north I-25 Corridor and within the NATA geographic area to serve their residents and employees to discuss key topics affecting transportation and take action to further enhance mobility, drive economic development, and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned organizations agree to form the North Area Transportation Alliance and adopt the mission, membership, and organizational principles set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS. This Memorandum of Understanding may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be effective and which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

CITY OF NORTHGLENN

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: KATHLEEN M. NOVAK  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
CITY ATTORNEY