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# TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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Presented to:  
Northglenn City Council  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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# Transportation Update

- CDOT (Region 6)
  - TIGER IV Grant
  - RAMP
- RTD
  - North Metro Line Update





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# TIGER IV GRANT

- Final Construction Drawings completed
  - Advertise Bids scheduled for May 2013 – on schedule
  - Scheduled Start date June 2014
  - Summer 2015 for completion
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# TIGER IV GRANT

- Northglenn Improvements
    - Noise Walls
      - 2 New Walls within Northglenn
        - 1098 ft - Stone Mountain Apartments
        - 680 ft - Green Apartments
      - Existing walls will have wood pickets on highway side replaced for entire corridor
      - Estimated cost for Noise Wall Improvements  
\$4.5 Million
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# PROPOSED SOUND WALL





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# CDOT RAMP

- What is RAMP
    - Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance & Partnerships
  - What does RAMP do?
    - New Practice: CDOT will fund multi-year projects based on year of expenditure rather than saving the full amount of a project before construction begins
  - What will this accomplish?
    - More construction being completed sooner
    - Approximately \$300 Million more per year over the next 5 years = 1.5 Billion in Capital Projects
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# CDOT RAMP

- **Project Selection and Process**
    - Pre-application deadline –last week
      - 247 requests submitted
      - 77 requests submitted for Region 1
      - 1 of the 77 is replace the existing noise walls with concrete noise walls
      - Attached to this Power Point are the NATA Recommendation Letters for RAMP
    - May 31st CDOT will announce finalists
    - July Final Applications will be due
    - September final projects will be announced
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# North Metro Update

- RISK ALLOCATION MATRIX (RAM)
    - Sales Tax Parity bill passed by legislature and signed by Governor
    - This will have the potential to generate up to \$127 Million in additional revenue
    - RTD has committed this revenue to NM as the 1<sup>st</sup> priority
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# Risk Allocation Matrix (RAM)

## Parity Bill and Audit Capacity

|                           | RTD Control  | Level of Risk |   |   | Estimated Allocation |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|---|---|----------------------|
|                           |  | H             | M | L |                      |
| 1                         | Evaluate FasTracks Funding for Base System Operations                    |               | X |   | \$24 M               |
| 2                         | Reduce FasTracks Minimum Unrestricted Balance from \$150 M               |               | X |   | \$72 M               |
| 3                         | Reduce FasTracks O&M Fund Balance from 3 to 2 Months                     |               | X |   | \$10 M               |
| 4                         | Defer UPRR Relocation for the SW Corridor Extension                      |               |   | X | \$9 M                |
| 5                         | Achieve Project Underruns on FasTracks Projects Currently Under Contract |               |   | X | \$15 M               |
| 6                         | Sales/Lease Opportunities for all RTD Properties                         |               |   | X | \$20 M               |
| 7                         | Request Increase in Local Participation Above Current 2.5%               |               |   | X | TBD                  |
| Savings Under RTD Control |  |               |   |   | \$150 M              |
| (year of expenditure \$)  |  |               |   |   |                      |

|                          | Requires Legislative Action     | Level of Risk |   |   | Estimated Allocation |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|---|----------------------|
|                          |                                 | H             | M | L |                      |
| 8                        | Sales Tax Reconciliation/Parity |               |   | X | \$127 M              |
| Total Savings            |                                 |               |   |   | \$277 M              |
| (year of expenditure \$) |                                 |               |   |   |                      |



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# North Metro Update

- RTD has identified additional funding sources for North Metro
    - Refinancing three RTD debt issues at lower than current rates to reduce payments, improve cash flow, and provide additional capacity under TABOR
    - Issuing the bridge financing debt for the Eagle project to bridge the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) at a lower interest rate than assumed, saving interest costs and preserving additional capacity under TABOR
    - Issuing sales tax revenue bonds in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2013 to finance remaining portion of the DUS to 72<sup>nd</sup> segment
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# North Metro Update

- RTD received unsolicited bid proposal
  - Found merit in proposal to move forward with RFP
  - RTD plans to issue an RFP within 3 months
    - to fully construct North Metro from Denver Union Station to 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave w/ ability to complete to end of line.
  - RTD has requested that local jurisdictions enter into IGAs and finalize by mid summer
  - Award Notice to proceed by end of Year
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# North Metro Update

## RFP Schedule

| DESCRIPTION                    | 2013 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                | Jan  | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Draft RFP                      |      |     |     |     |     |     | *   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Review Period                  |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Final RFP                      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | *   |     |     |     |     |
| Develop Proposals              |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Proposals Due                  |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | *   |     |     |
| Selection, Award, Negotiations |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Notice to Proceed              |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | *   |

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## Proposal Evaluation Process



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# North Metro Update

- Jurisdictional Staff are working on the following:
    - Draft Template IGA
    - Identifying design/infrastructure gaps between EIS/ROD and local match commitment as identified in the MOU
      - Drainage being one of the major concerns
    - Meeting w/ Concessionaires about City needs and potential issues with EIS ROD
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# North Metro Update

- NEW STARTS (FEDERAL GRANT)
  - Recent rule changes to New Starts has likely eliminated of North Metro from consideration





April 25, 2013

Don Hunt  
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation  
4201 E. Arkansas  
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Mr. Hunt,

On behalf of the North Area Transportation Alliance, I am forwarding the priority projects we endorse for funding under the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnership (RAMP) program.

These projects were carefully selected from among the many projects NATA jurisdictions identified after working collaboratively with our staffs and your staff to better understand the RAMP criteria. It is our belief that these priority projects will help us move toward addressing the regional transportation issues.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on these applications as they move through the approval process.

Sincerely,



Erik Hansen, Chair  
Adams County Commissioner

cc: CDOT Commissioner Heather Barry  
CDOT Commissioner Kathy Gilliland  
NATA Members



## North Area Transportation Alliance Endorsement for the following

### RAMP Project Submittals

| Operational  | Public-Public  | Public-Private   | Devolution   |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>S.H. 52 – Intersection Improvements @ CR 3, CR 5, and CR 7, in priority order</b><br><br>Agency: Erie<br><br>Funding Years: 2014-2015   | <b>U.S. 85 -- Bus slip ramp on northbound U.S. 85 at Pavilions Park &amp; Ride</b><br><br>Agency: Brighton<br><br>Funding Year: 2014   | <b>I-25 Managed Lanes Segment 3 – 120<sup>th</sup> to S.H. 7</b><br><br>Agency: CDOT Region 4<br><br>Funding Design – 2014<br>Funding Construction – 2016-2017 | <b>S.H. 2 Widening – 72<sup>nd</sup> to I-76</b><br><br>Agency: Commerce City<br><br>Funding Year – 2014   |
| <b>U.S. 287 Interregional Bus -- Longmont to DIA</b><br><br>Agency -- Longmont<br><br>Funding Year: 2016<br><br><u>(Also good candidate for a potential public-public partnership project)</u> | <b>S.H. 7/County Line Road Intersection improvements, including realignment of County Line Road over Coal Creek</b><br><br>Agency -- Erie<br><br>Funding Year(s) -- 2014-2015<br><br><b>Recommendation from S.H. 7 PEL</b> |  | <b>SH 44 Widening – Grandview Ponds to Brighton Boulevard</b><br><br>Agency – Adams County<br><br>Funding Years:<br>Design – 2014<br>ROW -- 2015<br>Construction – 2016-2017 |
|  | <b>I-25 @ S.H. 7 Larkridge Bus Slip Ramps &amp; Pedestrian bridge</b><br><br>Agency -- Thornton<br>Funding Years: 2016-2017<br><br><b>Recommendation from S.H. 7 PEL</b>   |  | <b>SH 44 Widening –Brighton Boulevard to U.S. 85</b><br><br>Agency – Commerce City<br><br>Funding Years:<br>Design – 2014<br>ROW -- 2015<br>Construction – 2016-2017         |





April 25, 2013

Michael Cheroutes  
Executive Director, High Performance Transportation Enterprise  
4201 E. Arkansas  
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Mr. Cheroutes,

We believe that HPTE will play a critical role in RAMP as this program moves forward to identify and fund projects over the next five years. Toward that end, we wanted to indicate our full support of HPTE's efforts to garner public-private initiated capacity improvements to extend managed lanes on I-25 to State Highway 7 and new managed lanes on I-270.

We also have compiled a list of 'companion projects' associated with I-25 and I-270 (attached) that not only help resolve congestion and operational issues on I-25 and I-270, but when integrated into an HPTE project, contribute to the bottom-line. As you move forward in evaluating public-private partnerships, we ask that you keep these in mind.

If NATA can be of any assistance in moving these companion projects forward, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to partnering with HPTE and CDOT on these projects in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Hansen", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Erik Hansen, Chair  
Adams County Commissioner

cc: CDOT Commissioner Heather Barry  
CDOT Commissioner Kathy Gilliland  
Don Hunt, Executive Director, CDOT  
NATA Members



## North Area Transportation Alliance Companion Projects for RAMP Public-Private Submittals for I-25 & I-270

| I-25  | I-270   |
|---|---|
| <p><b><u>Larkridge Slip Ramps &amp; Pedestrian Bridge</u></b><br/>           South side of I-25 and S.H. 7<br/>           Thornton submitting for RAMP funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified in State Highway 7 PEL Study</li> <li>Enhances RTD connections and utilization of Managed lanes</li> </ul>   | <p><i><u>Reconstruction of Vasquez Interchange</u></i><br/><br/>           Commerce City submitting for RAMP funding</p>            |
| <p><b><u>I-25 Noise Walls</u></b><br/>           Adams County submitting for RAMP funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace existing wood fence along I-25 between U.S. 36 &amp; 120<sup>th</sup> with permanent sound walls</li> <li>Potentially leverage \$2 million identified in I-25 TIGER managed lanes project</li> <li>Provides aesthetic enhancements along corridor</li> </ul> | <p><i><u>U.S. 85 &amp; 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interchange</u></i><br/><br/>           Commerce City submitting for RAMP funding</p> |
| <p><b><u>I-25 &amp; S.H. 7 Diverging Diamond Interchange</u></b><br/>           Mid-term Project (2018-2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified in State Highway 7 PEL Study</li> </ul>  |   |
| <p><b><u>I-25 bi-directional managed lanes between U.S. 36 and downtown Denver</u></b><br/>           Mid-term Project (2018-2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be assessed under RTD's NAMS study</li> </ul>  |   |