

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR NOVAK

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-166
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE RTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY STATING THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO RTD FASTRACKS OPTION NO. 2

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby declares its opposition to RTD FasTracks Option No. 2, and authorizes the Mayor to execute and send to the RTD Board of Directors, the correspondence attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein by this reference.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2008.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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EXHIBIT A



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October 16, 2008

RTD Board of Directors
1600 Blake Street
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Dear RTD Board of Directors:

After careful consideration and discussion of the RTD FasTracks Options, the North Metro Corridor local governments of Adams County and the cities of Commerce City, Northglenn and Thornton are in support of the entire FasTracks program being built out as approved by the voters in 2004. To that end, we do not support Option 2, and will not consider it further because it does not provide equity for the entire Denver metro region. Reaching regional consensus will not occur with Option 2 because prioritizing one corridor over another will cause divisions between the various areas in the region. We therefore request that RTD eliminates Option 2 from the FasTracks Options Review.

The County and its cities will continue working with RTD and the region to reach consensus on defining a regionally equitable solution. This will include considering the remaining 4 Options, possibly a combination of these options, or potentially entirely new alternatives. In whatever form this equitable option is developed, it first needs to define the most logical segments of all the FasTracks corridors to open within the time frame promised to the voters in 2004. Once these logical termini for meeting the voter-approved schedule are identified, the discussion should then focus on how best to approach the remaining portions of the FasTracks corridors in a fair and consistent manner.

To that end, Adams County and its cities are in agreement, and will work towards the Eastlake (124th) Station to be, at a minimum, the northern terminus of the North Metro corridor. This is logically based on the following reasons: 1.) 88th Avenue does not adequately serve the northern areas of Adams County; 2.) 104th Avenue is constrained by the surrounding development for the necessary space needed for parking at an end-of-the-line station; 3.) 112th Avenue has a restrictive road system and inadequate space for additional parking. Eastlake (124th) is a logical end point because it is served by a better road system; there is space for additional parking as an end-of-the-line station; and is more centrally located for travelers in the northeast areas of Adams County. As a part of developing an equitable FasTracks option, RTD should also begin utilizing FastConnects in this current process by identifying key major road connections to the rail corridors. For the North Metro line, the local jurisdictions would request consideration for enhanced bus service to the most appropriate station(s) along the FasTracks system that will serve our neighbors in Brighton and other areas of northern Adams County by opening day of the North Metro corridor.

We appreciate RTD's efforts to involve the local jurisdictions in this critical decision making process. FasTracks was approved by the region, and it will only be a regional effort that moves FasTracks forward, which is therefore why we request Option 2 to be eliminated from further consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Novak, Mayor
City of Northglenn