



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM 14-25**

DATE: October 13th, 2015
TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members
FROM: John Pick, City Manager 
Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development 
SUBJECT CR-107 Letter for Support for Fed Heights Call in Ride

BACKGROUND

The cities of Federal Heights, Thornton, and Northglenn and Adams County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Transportation District on July 12, 2011 to fund the Federal Heights Call-n-Ride program to serve residents in all these communities. The program was awarded federal funding for three years, at which point RTD decides whether to integrate this Call-n-Ride into their regular service program. RTD has been evaluating the Federal Heights Call-n-Ride program usage for the past two and one-half years and had recommended the program not be integrated into the RTD service program at the end of 2014. However, because there are remaining grant funds that are not anticipated to be utilized by the end of 2014, RTD and Staff from the entities have been working on a way to extend the program utilizing the remaining DRCOG grant funds and additional new funding commitments from the entities. RTD estimates that to extend the service through 2015, it would cost RTD and the entities the following amounts:

- RTD \$61,500
- Adams County \$7,900
- Northglenn \$19,900
- Federal Heights \$15,100
- Thornton \$18,700

These estimated costs assume that DRCOG will approve utilization of the remaining grant funds (\$35-\$40K) toward this Call-n-Ride program extension. The RTD Board of Directors must approve the extension of the program in addition to DRCOG approving the use of the remaining grant funds. RTD had provided an alternative to extend the program through May 8, 2015 at a lower cost, but the preference of staff from the entities is to extend the program through all of 2015 and evaluate it at that point.

Included as Attachment 1 is the Federal Heights Call and Ride Service Area map and a second map depicting main routes of service within the area.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

This program has been funded through the Planning & Development Department budget. The amount of \$19,900 represents a \$1,900.00 increase over last year's funding commitment – all other commitments reflect the proportionate level of increase. The funding for the Call and Ride program was not included in the department's 2015 budget requests. At the time the budget request was prepared, RTD Staff had indicated that they would not consider renewing the program. Due to the ongoing discussions to extend service beyond 2014, final funding amounts and term of service were not known to Staff until September 23rd, 2014. If RTD approves the extension for the Fed Heights Call and Ride Program the Department will need to reflect the additional expense.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-107

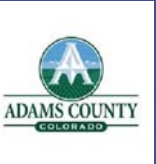
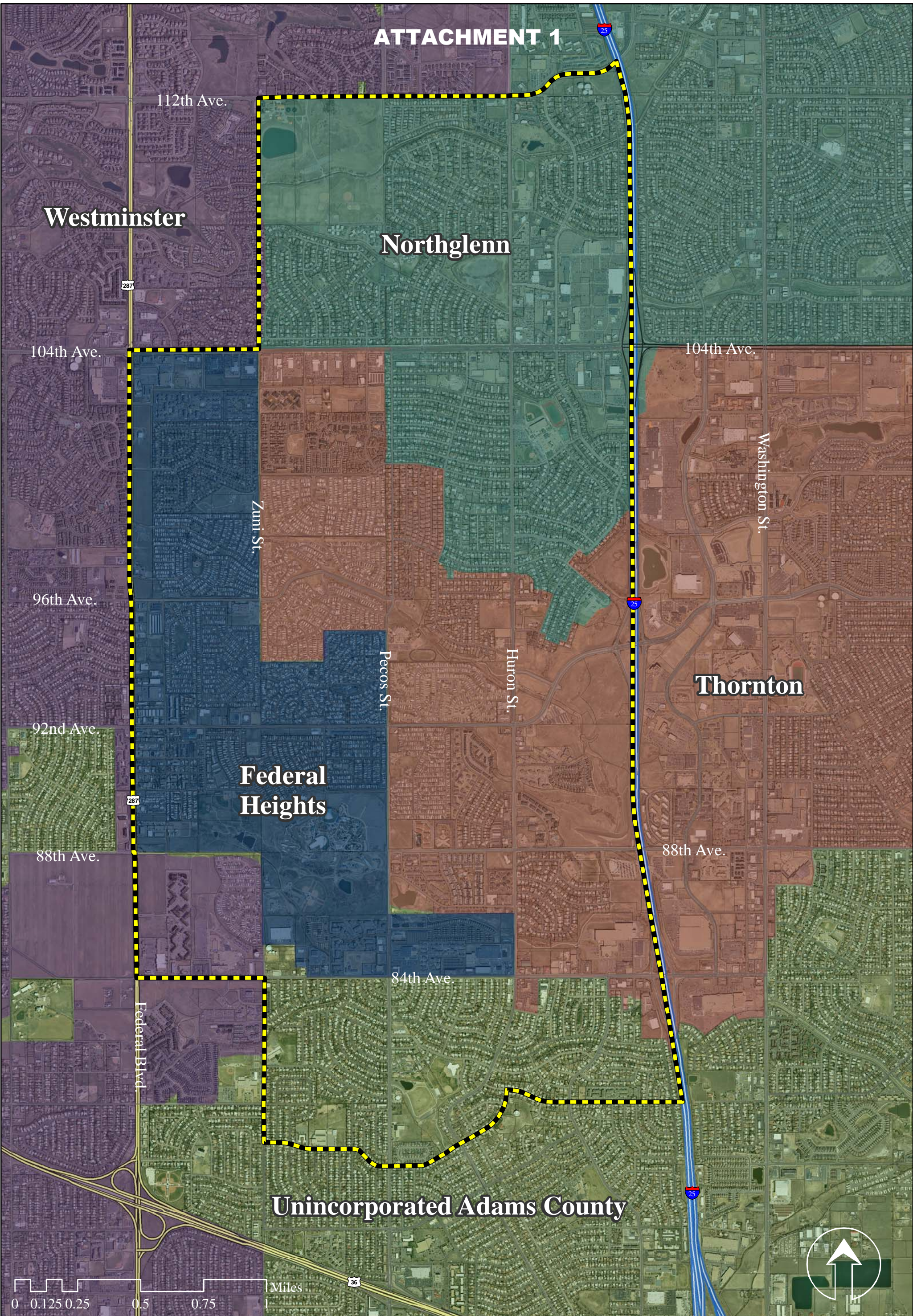
STAFF REFERENCE

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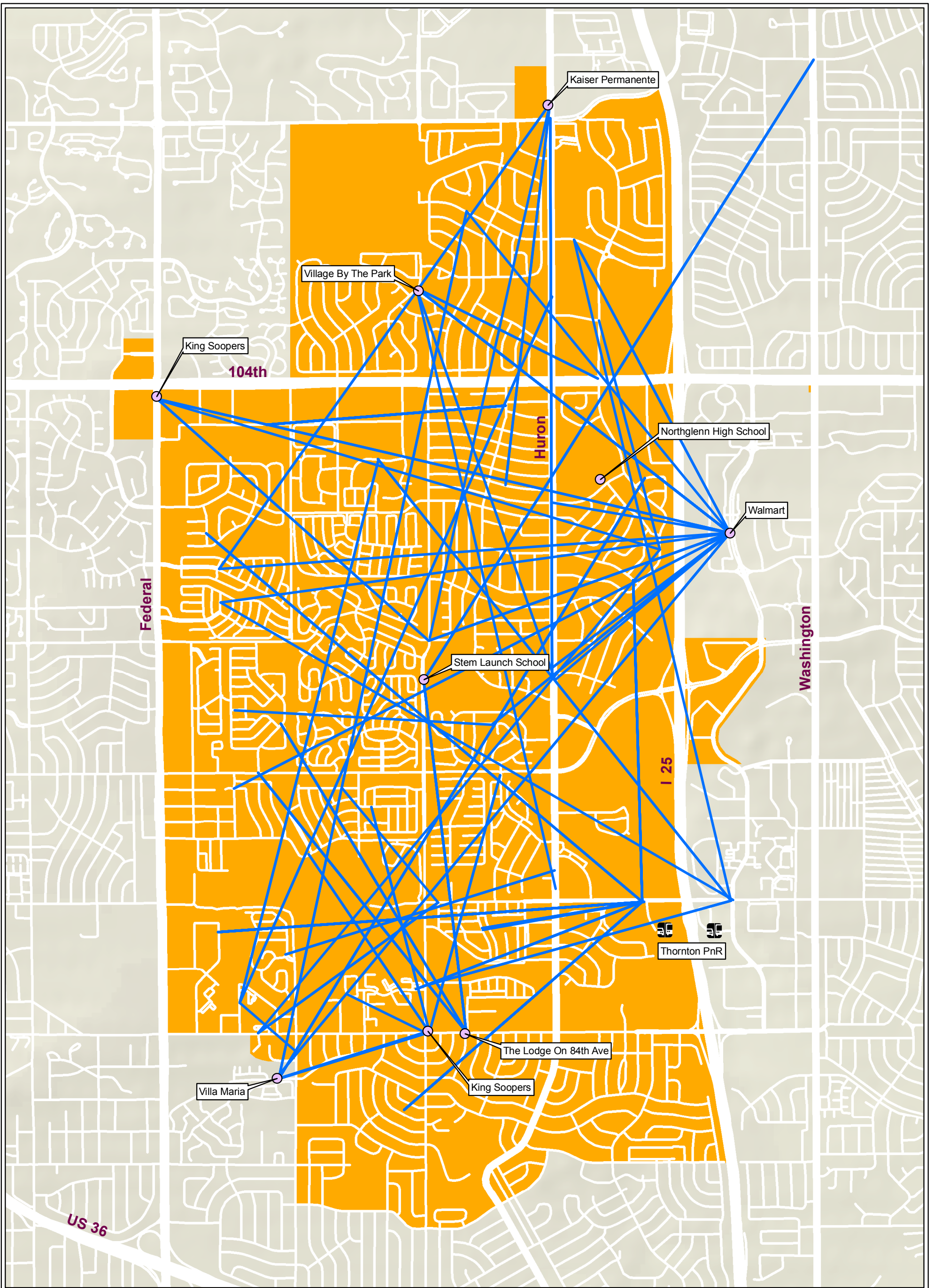
ATTACHMENT 1 Call and Ride Service Area Map

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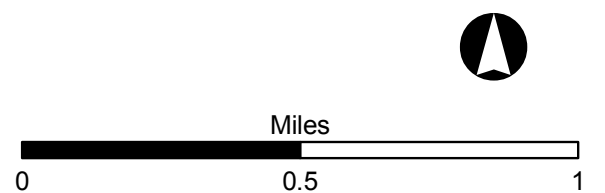


Proposed West Side RTD Call and Ride Zone





Federal Heights Call-n-Ride



SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-107
Series of 2014

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL HEIGHTS CALL-N-RIDE SERVICE THROUGH 2015

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached letter on behalf of the City of Northglenn to the Regional Transportation District supporting the extension of the Federal Heights call-n-Ride service through 2015.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2014.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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October 13, 2014

RTD Board of Directors
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RE: Commitment in Principle towards the Local Match to extend the Federal Heights Call-n-Ride through 2015

Dear RTD Directors:

City of Northglenn and surrounding Cities have supported Call-n-Ride service on the west side of I-25 for many years now. We were pleased when Federal Heights successfully received DRCOG funding from 2012 through 2014 to start the Federal Heights Call-n-Ride to serve our residents and commuters in areas of unincorporated Adams County, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster.

We are now at the end of the DRCOG start up grant with good news – ridership is increasing. We also recognize there are some outstanding DRCOG funds available from the start-up grant and would like to leverage these remaining federal dollars to extend the service through 2015 and work with you to see ridership continue trending up.

To that end, the City of Northglenn is pleased to commit in principle in 2015, subject to annual appropriation and amendment to the existing IGA, \$19,900 to extend the Federal Heights Call-n-Ride through 2015. We would also look for your support at DRCOG to leverage the remaining federal funds to extend the service, which we understand is supported by DRCOG staff. Our ability to provide this local match is contingent upon using the remaining DRCOG funds.

We strongly encourage you approving the extension of the Federal Heights Call-n-Ride through 2015.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Joyce Downing
Mayor

cc: Adams County Board of County Commissioners
Federal Heights City Council
Thornton City Council