



COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis

March 12, 2019

Mr. David Genova
 CEO and General Manager
 Regional Transportation District
 1660 Blake Street
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Board of Directors
 c/o RTD Board Office
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Dear Mr. Genova and Directors,

In 2004, Colorado voters in the RTD District approved the creation of an ambitious rail and bus system to connect Denver and its suburbs, the “FasTracks” system. We applaud the efforts of RTD to complete this region-transforming plan. Much of FasTracks has been completed, but we want to especially highlight the Northwest Rail corridor and encourage its completion.

We believe it is important that RTD fulfil its commitment to the voters of its District to complete FasTracks. Connecting our communities to affordable and efficient mobility options is important to the economic vitality of our state, and the greater metro area. It is our hope that consideration of other viable opportunities can get this corridor operational earlier than planned. The Peak Service Plan could be such a solution and we encourage RTD to seriously consider it as a viable service solution. The plan would create an interim starter plan to provide rush hour commuter service on that corridor. It could reduce costs significantly compared to a full-service plan, and thus be implemented in a much shorter time frame.

We urge RTD to thoroughly and speedily investigate the viability of this interim plan and to expedite the construction and operation of the plan if further analysis deems it practical and beneficial. And further, we remain supportive of the completion of the promised FasTracks program in a timely fashion so that we may continue to better serve Colorado and position us as a nationwide leader in mobility.

Sincerely,


 Jared Polis
 Governor

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