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Mr. Don Hunt
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 West Arkansas Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80222

Re: CDOT Proposed Policy for Consideration of Managed Lanes

Dear Mr. Hunt:

At its November 15, 2012 meeting, the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) was briefed by Nick Farber of the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) and Sandy Kohrs of CDOT, regarding CDOT's proposed policy for the consideration of managed lanes for capacity projects. Mr. Farber and Ms. Kohrs presented a draft policy for consideration by the Transportation Commission which suggested that managed lanes should be considered by CDOT in capacity projects.

In our November 6, 2012 letter to you (attached), NATA expressed its request that the policy state that corridors with existing tolled managed lanes be eligible for future non-tolled lanes. Following the November 15, presentation, we would like to add to our comments regarding the draft policy.

NATA further requests that CDOT modify its proposed policy to the Transportation Commission to also require that capacity improvement projects, for roadways where tolled managed lanes do not already exist, be required to provide tolled managed lanes as part of the project. We understand that there are some circumstances where tolled managed lanes will not work because of low traffic volumes, but NATA strongly believes that in the interest of regional equity, capacity expansion projects along major corridors must, where they do not exist, include tolled managed lanes.

The North I-25 and US 36 corridors are moving forward with tolled managed lanes. It is only fair that highway users around Colorado contribute to the transportation funding shortfall by constructing tolled managed lanes with their capacity expansion projects.

Sincerely,

Nancy McNally
Chair



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