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To: Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members  
Transportation Commissioners  
Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members

CC: Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director

**Subject: Opposition to modifying TPR Boundaries in CDOT Region 3**

Dear Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members,  
Transportation Commissioners and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Town of Fraser concerning the Transportation Planning Region (TPR) study mandated by HB23-1101. The Northwest TPR is located in CDOT's Region 3 and is comprised of five counties (Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt) as well as the 10 municipalities within those counties. In regard to the potential changes in TPR boundaries, the Fraser Board of Trustees strongly request that our Northwest Transportation Planning Region stay the same and that there are no additions or deletions of the members currently within the Northwest TPR boundary.

One of Fraser's Trustees, Brian Cerkvenik, is heavily involved in this collaboration as the Vice-Chair of the Northwest TPR and works to develop and maintain a long-range Regional Transportation Plan. Our TPR has worked together for many years with the goal to support the needs of all of the participating agencies in our rural NWTPR, even though there are differing priorities and there is never enough funding for all the needed projects.

We appreciate that CDOT is looking to ensure consistency and transparency of the TPR process throughout the state, and we are happy to assist with that endeavor. However, we believe our current boundaries and participating counties of the NWTPR are appropriate and should remain unchanged. It is extremely important that the Highway 40 corridor remain in the same TPR, so that the same group of people can look at the road as a whole, and not have it broken up into different regions with different priorities.

Sincerely,

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