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The Honorable Mayor Nancy McNally
Mayor of the City of Westminster
4800 W. 92nd Ave.
Westminster, CO 80031

Dear Mayor McNally:

Thank you for your letters dated November 6 and November 27 regarding the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) proposed managed lanes policy directive.

The Commission is currently scheduled to take action on the proposed policy at its December 20th meeting, with a pre-discussion by the Statewide Plan subcommittee on December 19th. As currently written the proposed policy would require that managed lanes be strongly considered during the planning and development of capacity improvements on state highway facilities that are or will be congested. In proposing this statewide policy, CDOT's purpose is ensure that the limited opportunities to provide new capacity on our highway system be done in a way that preserves and enhances mobility over the long term. Managed lanes are a key strategy for accomplishing this goal.

"Managed lanes" as currently defined by the policy can include a range of operational strategies including tolled express lanes, HOV-only requirements, or accommodations for bus rapid transit (BRT) to name a few. The intent of the policy is to require that every congested corridor in the state consider managed lanes while still maintaining the primacy of the study process to identify the best solution for a given corridor.

Ultimately the state Transportation Commission will make a final decision on the wording and scope of the policy. Following their decision, additional implementation guidance will be developed. I appreciate that the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) has a unique perspective to share on managed lanes given the US36 and I-25 North projects and I appreciate that regional equity is a particular concern of NATA. Your letters will be included in the Commission material for December. We will follow-up with you after the December Commission meetings to share information on the Commission action as well as the discussions.

Thank you again for the letters. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Hunt".

Donald E. Hunt,
Executive Director