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CONGRESSMAN POLIS PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR NORTH I-25 COALITION

WELD COUNTY, CO – Congressman Jared Polis met with members of the Northern I-25 Coalition this morning at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and committed to assisting the Coalition in their efforts to get the Northern I-25 corridor included in the 2014 reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill. Polis joined Senator Michael Bennet and Congressman Cory Gardner in making this project a priority.



Congressman Jared Polis (fifth from left) speaks with members of the North I-25 Coalition about supporting their efforts to get the corridor included in the 2014 reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill.

“In terms of being ready to go, it’ll certainly be my top transportation priority in the district,” said Polis. “It’s ready to go, and I’m here to help. I’m happy to do what we can for the Federal piece.”

Seventeen people, including elected officials, county commissioners, mayors, chamber directors, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and representatives from business communities along the corridor, joined the Congressman to discuss the need for I-25 to be included in the Federal Transportation Bill.

“I-25 is the economic engine not just for Northern Colorado, but quite honestly for all of Colorado,” said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. “We’ve spoken with Congressman Shuster’s staff and had a really good conversation with them. It is on his radar, and we expect that Congressman Shuster will come out and spend some time with us and see this project.”

Commissioner Kirkmeyer, along with Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway, met with the Congressman’s staff earlier this month while in Washington D.C. for a National Association of Counties meeting. Congressman Shuster is Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

“This is one of the most diverse broad-based coalitions I’ve ever been involved with in all my years of public service,” said Conway. “All we are looking for is an opportunity to compete. We believe this corridor is one of the most competitive transportation corridors in the United States.”

“We are willing, as local government, to truly be partners with CDOT and the Federal Government to get this project accomplished,” stated Kirkmeyer.

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