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**WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER SEAN CONWAY ELECTED
NORTH FRONT RANGE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CHAIRMAN FOR 2015**

WELD COUNTY, CO – During last week's meeting of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway was unanimously elected as the chairman of the organization.

"I look forward to serving as the NFRMPO Chairman for the coming year," said Conway. "2015 will be a big year for transportation in Northern Colorado. Congress' reauthorization of MAP 21, RAMP funding for I-25 and beginning work on the several transportation projects the NFRMPO have agreed to partner with our local communities on, are just a few of the challenges ahead of us in the coming year."

Joan Shaffer, Loveland City Councilwoman for Ward II, was also unanimously elected as vice-chair. Conway, along with Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, and Shaffer are strong supporters of making improvements to the northern I-25 corridor.

At the same meeting, the NFRMPO approved \$5 million in funding toward two specific projects on the I-25 corridor including \$3 million of STP-Metro funds (Surface Transportation Program) for Fiscal Years 2016-2019 for CDOT to proceed with the building of the Berthoud Hill Truck Lane and \$2 million for CDOT toward improvements to the Crossroads Interchange.

"This group's dedication toward making sure Northern Colorado remains a strong competitor now, as well as in the future, is impressive," said Conway. "I'm honored to lead this group of very dedicated group of elected officials in 2015."

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