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NFRMPO TAKES NEXT STEP TOWARD NORTH I-25 IMPROVEMENTS

Momentum continues as group commits \$5 million for specific I-25 projects

WELD COUNTY, CO – During last night's North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) meeting, members continued to demonstrate their commitment toward funding improvements on northern I-25 by targeting \$5 million for two specific corridor projects.

In a letter to the NFRMPO Council dated October 29, 2014, Weld County Commissioner and NFRMPO Vice-Chair Sean Conway proposed a motion to target \$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 to make needed improvements to the Crossroads Interchange. All additional STP-Metro funds during those years will follow the Council approved Call-for-Projects process for the local communities. In addition, the Council agreed to target an additional \$8 million of Regional Priority Program (RPP) dollars for Fiscal Years 2016-2019 for additional I-25 improvements CDOT will be bringing back to the council for approval.

Larimer County Commissioner Tom Donnelly verbally made the motion to accept Conway's proposal during last night's meeting. The motion passed unanimously by the council.

Last month, Conway proposed the 15 members of the NFRMPO target \$13 million for I-25 improvement projects.

Conway said the motion presented at last night's meeting ensures I-25 improvements will continue to move forward. "This is the next step in the process," said Conway. "The NFRMPO has once again demonstrated their commitment to helping fix I-25, the most important transportation corridor in the region."

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