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### CONGRESSMAN POLIS MEETS WITH NORTH I-25 COALITION TO DISCUSS FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL

WELD COUNTY, CO – During last week's meeting of the North I-25 Coalition, Congressman Jared Polis updated the group on the progress being made by Congress on the reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill, MAP 21. Polis stated he is committed to working with the Coalition to make sure I-25 is included in the reauthorization and able to compete for Federal funding.



The Coalition, which includes representatives from each of the communities along the corridor from Thornton to Fort Collins, was formed in early 2014 to express their concern that CDOT is not putting the needed emphasis on the northern I-25 Corridor.

"Residents along the corridor are being told that improvements to the highway won't be completed until 2075," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "We just want to be able to compete for funds for this corridor so improvements can be made now – not 60+ years from now."

Polis met with the coalition last year and pledged his support to make the Northern I-25 project a priority, joining

Senator Michael Bennet and then Congressman Cory Gardner. He told the group last week, which included Weld County Commissioners Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sean Conway, Steve Moreno and the Mayors of Firestone, Thornton, Broomfield, Milliken as well as City Council and Town Board members from Loveland, Evans, and Frederick, he would like to meet with them again in May to gather prioritized projects along the Northern I-25 Corridor that he can work on getting into the Reauthorization Bill.

"We appreciate the support Congressman Polis has provided to this Coalition and to the goal of improving I-25," said Commissioner Conway. "This interstate is crucial to Colorado and to the country, and it needs to be able to compete for Federal funding.

To read more about the North I-25 Coalition, please visit the web page under the Topics of Interest on the Commissioners section of the Weld County web site at [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com).

<http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/Commissioners/TopicsofInterest/index.html>

*The North I-25 Coalition is made up of members from Adams, Larimer and Weld Counties as well as the communities of Berthoud, Broomfield, Dacono, Erie, Firestone, Fort Collins, Frederick, Johnstown, Loveland, Mead, Northglenn, Timnath, Thornton and Windsor. ###*

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