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TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT DRAWS CROWD OF 400; OFFERS INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING NORTHERN COLORADO INFRASTRUCTURE

WELD COUNTY, CO – Approximately 400 people, including 40 elected officials from the local, state and Federal level, joined together Monday at the Transportation Summit to discuss transportation and infrastructure issues facing Northern Colorado.

“Participation in this event was great,” said Commissioner Sean Conway. “It illustrated the importance of transportation in Northern Colorado. People know we need strong infrastructure and solid funding opportunities from a variety of levels to ensure the future success of our region. This summit provided an educational forum for attendees to receive important information regarding transportation issues in our region.”



Senator Cory Gardner was first to address the crowd as he spoke about growth in Northern Colorado and the re-authorization of MAP 21. “...one of the most exciting things we all talk about is the fact that people indeed are looking at Colorado as a place that they too want to go to raise their families and start their business and to lead their lives,” said

Gardner. “So I made it very clear when I was first elected to Congress in 2010 that as the House of Representatives we were making North I-25 our priority in how we can expand it to handle the explosion of growth in Northern Colorado over the past several decades. And now, as a member of the United States Senate, that priority has not changed – what we need to do to expand North I-25 and make sure this project goes from concept to reality.”

Other speakers included Steve Gordon from Total Spectrum, State Representative Brian DelGrosso, and CDOT Executive Director Shailen Bhatt.

“What we saw on Monday was the interest elected officials, business leaders and residents of Northern Colorado have in improving and securing our transportation future,” said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. “Northern Colorado is thriving, and in order to maintain our success as a region, North I-25 issues need to be addressed.”

To view videos from the Summit, as well as presentation slides, please visit

<http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/Commissioners/TransportationSummit2015/index.html>.

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