



AGENDA ITEM: 11A
MEETING DATE: 11/17/2015
TO: City Council
FROM: Councilor Hugh McKean, Ward III
PRESENTER: Councilor Hugh McKean, Ward III

TITLE:

Resolution of Support for the Improvement of Interstate 25 (I-25) as Proposed by the I-25 Coalition

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

Approve the Resolution.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt the action as recommended, which will further voice support for the work currently underway by the I-25 Coalition
2. Deny the action, which could be interpreted as non-support by the City of Loveland for the I-25 Coalition's efforts
3. Adopt a modified action (specify in the motion)
4. Refer back to staff for further development and consideration

SUMMARY:

This is an administrative action supporting the work of the I-25 Coalition seeking improvements to this critical Colorado transportation corridor. The Resolution asks that the legislature consider any and all ways to expedite the improvement and expansion of north I-25 including the following:

Support for a TRANS bond II ballot initiative;
 Support for General Fund dollars going to transportation (maintenance & construction);
 Support modification to SB 228 for maintenance as long as it's tied to TRANS bond;
 Support extending SB 228 for 10 years;
 Support new revenue streams as long as they go to the voters, are tied to TRANS bond and the benefit goes to transportation;
 Support tax credit legislation for specific highway projects.

BUDGET IMPACT:

- Positive
 Negative
 Neutral or negligible

The Resolution asks for legislative relief; however accelerated progress could necessitate Colorado property owners, cities and agencies to contribute funding at some time in the future.

BACKGROUND:

Per materials prepared by the I-25 Coalition:

In the fall of 2013, elected officials and their designees from three counties and fourteen communities along the northern I-25 corridor in Colorado came together to form the I-25 Coalition. The Coalition and its support base has grown steadily since then reflected through a current distribution list of almost 90 including representatives from Adams, Larimer and Weld counties, Berthoud, Broomfield, Dacono, Erie, Firestone, Fort Collins, Frederick, Johnstown, Loveland, Mead, Northglenn, Timnath, Thornton and Windsor as well as CDOT, business and other interested agencies.

The Coalition stated primary goal is to get the third lane of the I-25 North Project (from State Highway 6 to State Highway 14) put in the reauthorization of the 2014 Federal Transportation Bill.

The Coalition states "Northern Colorado is the fastest growing area of the state. Almost 700,000 will call Northern Colorado home by the year 2020 and even more will travel through the region on its main corridor, I-25. The condition of this Interstate, however, is not adequate for the amount of traffic currently traveling on this road and certainly will not be able to handle the projected population increase.

In fact, according to CDOT the current lifespan of I-25 from SH 66 to SH 14 is 10 years. CDOT's solution is to convert the current free lane, already paid for by Colorado taxpayers, into a managed lane – a toll lane --- in hopes of generating enough revenue to pay for improvements on this corridor by the year 2075.

The I-25 Coalition believes that residents in Northern Colorado should not have to wait 60+ more years before attention is given to this corridor."

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

RESOLUTION # R-82-2015

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 25

WHEREAS, Interstate 25 (“I-25”) represents a vital connection for the communities of northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, I-25 is an essential commuter and freight corridor and the only Colorado highway on the national freight plan; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of I-25 is essential for the economic health and wellbeing of the northern Colorado region; and

WHEREAS, the communities of northern Colorado wish to communicate the formal request of their communities and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Loveland requests that the legislature consider any and all actions to expedite the improvement and expansion of north I-25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Loveland hereby requests and supports the legislature’s consideration of any and all actions to expedite the improvement and expansion of north I-25, including the following:

- Support for a TRANS bond II ballot initiative;
- Support for General Fund dollars benefiting transportation (maintenance and construction);
- Support modification to Senate Bill 09-228 for maintenance designated for TRANS bond;
- Support extending Senate Bill 09-228 for 10 years;
- Support new revenue streams adopted by vote of electors, so long as they are designated for TRANS bond and the benefit goes toward transportation; and
- Support tax credit legislation for specific highway projects.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2015.

Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

THE YEAR OF TRANSPORTATION



Advancing the Expansion of North I-25

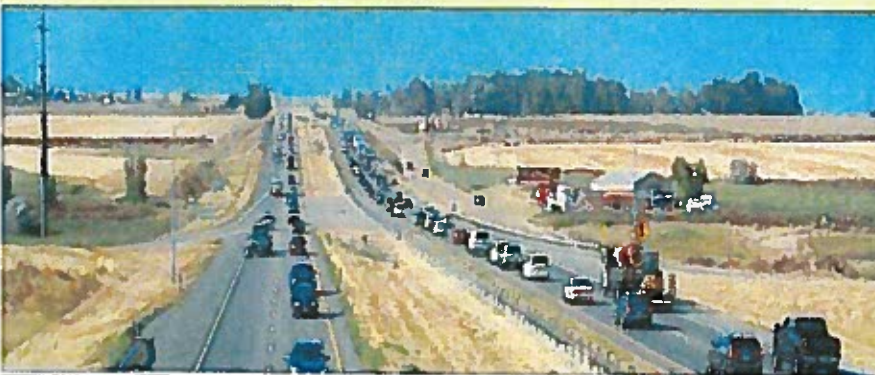
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COALITION VISION

1. Support a TRANS bond II ballot initiative.
2. Support General Fund dollars going to transportation (maintenance & construction).
3. Support modifications to SB 228 for maintenance as long as it's tied to TRANS bond.
4. Support extending SB 228 for 10 years.
5. Support new revenue streams as long as it goes to the voters, is tied to TRANS bond, and the benefit goes to transportation.
6. Support tax credit legislation for specific highway projects.

Coalition Goals

- ◆ Get an additional lane in each direction on I-25 from SH 66 to SH 14.
- ◆ Construct the “missing miles” improvements from 136th Ave. to E-470.
- ◆ SH 7 & I-25 interchange improvements.



North I-25