



Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PANEL REPORT AND FUNDING THRESHOLD RECOMMENDATIONS

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WHEREAS, Progressive 15 recognizes that existing funding streams for transportation infrastructure are not sufficient to either maintain the current system or account for projected population increases, and

WHEREAS, Progressive 15 supports the sustaining of existing funding mechanisms and funding allocations for transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, Governor Ritter recognized that the current funding system for transportation in Colorado is not adequate to meet Colorado's current and future needs for transportation and created The Governor's Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel, and

WHEREAS, the Report and Recommendations of Governor Ritter's Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel recognize that Colorado's economy and quality of life depend on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods, and responsible stewardship of the environment, and

WHEREAS, the recommended annual level of investment is consistent with the funding required to improve safety, preserve the system and provide travel options, and

WHEREAS, the Panel considered more than 40 forms of funding and, the recommended investment level will distribute needed funds to state and local highway and transit options by using new flexible revenue streams for transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Panel's Vision for Colorado's Transportation Future will create a comprehensive and sustainable system that creates choice and mobility for Coloradoans, supports the economy, connects our communities and regions by providing dependable road, public transit, aviation and rail freight transportation throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the Panel concluded that sustaining Colorado's existing transportation system and expanding it to meet the needs of current and future Coloradans will require

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much more than the revenues currently expected for transportation at the state and local levels, and

WHEREAS, any funding options chosen should be sustainable and have the broad support of business, political, community leaders and our citizens to ensure that transportation investments made for Colorado will build our economic future and quality of life with a safe, environmentally sound, comprehensive transportation system, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

- Progressive 15 supports the implementation of the Governor's Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel's preferred investment level of an additional \$1.5 billion per year for transportation in Colorado.
- Progressive 15 supports a bi-partisan legislative solution in 2008 that includes thorough debate of all potential funding sources, and may or may not include a referred measure.
- Progressive 15 supports a strategy to secure the balance of the \$1.5 billion not otherwise secured during the 2008 Legislative Session in a 2009 ballot referendum or initiative.