



September 11, 2020

RTD Board of Directors
Paul Ballard, Interim General Manager and Chief Executive Officer
Regional Transportation District
1660 Blake Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: FasTracks Internal Savings Account - Protection for Voter-Approved FasTracks Corridors

Dear RTD Board Directors and General Manager Ballard,

The Northwest Chamber Alliance, the coalition of chambers of commerce in Boulder and Broomfield counties that collectively represent 3,600 businesses and 370,000 employees, offers its strong support for the attached letter you received from the Northwest Mayors & Commissioners Coalition in opposition to appropriating FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA) funds for purposes other than implementation of the voter-approved FasTracks corridors, including Northwest Rail and remaining commitments to US 36 Bus Rapid Transit.

We understand RTD resources are stretched due to the impacts of COVID-19. We are all suffering the consequences of this crisis, including the business and workforce we represent. That is no excuse for raiding funds that are tied to long-term infrastructure investment commitments to our community that address both our regional mobility and economic vitality. We therefore implore you to heed the MCC and Commuting Solutions guidance regarding protection of the FISA funds for their committed purpose.

We all must come together to address the current crisis and build back our regional economy. That effort will demand mutual trust. Let's build that trust on the foundation of respect for long-term commitments.

Regards,

