

June 26, 2019

To: Harold Dominguez, City Manager, Longmont, Colorado

From: Longmont Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors

RE: 1st & Main Transit Area Development

For years, the City of Longmont has been discussing, planning and promoting the 1st and Main Station Transit Revitalization Plan for a multimodal, transit oriented development at the southern gateway of Downtown Longmont. This area is a critical piece of the redevelopment and revitalization efforts in the heart of our community. The vision and future promises for this area brought energy and investments from the private sector.

In the 2017 Downtown Master Plan of Development, which was unanimously adopted, Goal #2 under connectivity states:

ENHANCE DOWNTOWN AS THE CENTRAL HUB OF THE CITYWIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK AND ENHANCE TRANSIT CONNECTIONS TO THE REGION.

- A. Develop the 1st and Main Transit Oriented Development, including the Transit Station, and continue to advocate for extension of the Northwest Rail Line to Longmont.
- B. Ensure local and regional bus routes continue to run through and service Downtown.
- C. Provide and maintain an efficient connection to I-25.
- D. Provide regional transit connections to Denver International Airport.
- E. Maintain effective relationships with the City, Boulder County, Weld County, Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

We appreciate the efforts of City Council to require a transit station that is an anchor for our community. We understand that the first step is creating a new hub for local buses and bus rapid transit, with the FasTrack project following at a much later date. For the past five years, we have heard that the \$17 million dollars from RTD would be used for the bus station, but have seen no significant progress.

The transit area is in both the Opportunity Zone and Enterprise Zone. We do not want the lack of advancement of this project to stall the momentum or lose private sector investment.

The LDDA Board would like to extend or support and offer our assistance to work with the City of Longmont to achieve an agreement with RTD and construct the 1st & Main Transit Station.

Sincerely,

Thaxter Williams

