

RESOLUTION 11-96
ENDORsing A NORTH FRONT RANGE
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PASSENGER RAIL

WHEREAS, Traffic is becoming more congested between northern Colorado and the Denver metropolitan area: and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado's air quality and quality of life is being threatened by ever increasing traffic congestion: and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Passenger Rail Plan of 18 potential passenger rail corridors ranked the Fort Collins/Greeley/Denver corridor first and the Fort Collins/Loveland/Longmont/Boulder/Denver corridor fourth in the high priority category: and

WHEREAS, the state-sponsored North Front Range Air Quality Study of the Brown Cloud is designed to yield new information by late 1997 about the makeup, sources, and migration of the Brown Cloud: and

WHEREAS, environmental consideration must be factored into decisions concerning transportation investments: and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Transportation Plan and Blue Ribbon Panel on transportation estimate a \$13 billion transportation investment shortfall for the next 20 years: and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to devise ways to meet that transportation investment shortfall: and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range region needs an in-depth feasibility study of transportation alternatives in order to be in a position to make wise decisions and investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

SECTION 1. Cost effective, environmentally sound transportation improvement projects, including passenger rail, for the North Range region must be explored as soon as possible.

SECTION 2. The Colorado General Assembly and United States Congress are urged to pursue every available avenue to assist the North Front Range region in obtaining the resources necessary to conduct a detailed feasibility study of transportation options including passenger rail.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held this 10th day of September 1996.

ATTEST:

Mary K. Coadin
Town Clerk

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Mayor