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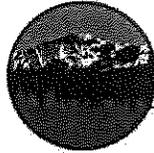
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Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

January 19, 2016

Representative Max Tyler
200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Support of HB 16-1018

Representative Tyler and members of the Transportation and Energy Committee:

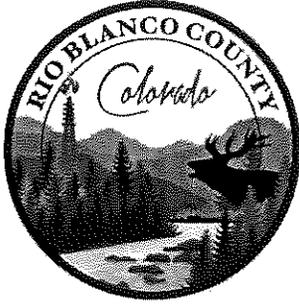
On January 13, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors gave their unanimous support for HB 16-1018, allowing the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee to directly advise the Colorado Transportation Commission, in addition to the staff of the Colorado Department of Transportation.

PPACG staff and our elected STAC representatives invest considerable time and resources analyzing the local transportation systems, understand the complexities of the prioritization of projects and the diverse funding sources necessary to complete projects. The Board believes that the Transportation Commission would benefit from this knowledge, and views this bill as a way to increase communication between two important groups. We encourage the committee to advance this bill.

I am happy to discuss this matter further with the committee if that would be helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert MacDonald,
Executive Director



RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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January 19, 2016

State Representative Terri Carver
Email: terri.carver.house@state.co.us

Subject: House Committee Hearing Jan. 20 – STAC Advisory Role to the Transportation Commission

Dear Representative Carver:

Rio Blanco County supports an amendment to Colorado Revised Statute 43-1-1104 which would require the Transportation Advisory Committee to provide advice to both the Department and the Commission on the needs of the transportation system in Colorado.

NWTPR supports this change because of the importance of State Highway 13 in this region. It is the only detour for I-70 traffic between Rifle and Vail Pass during events causing the interstate to shut down, such as accidents and weather. State Highway 13 is also the only connector between I-70 and I-80 on the Western Slope. The closest one to the east is I-25 (185 miles) and the closest one to the west is I-15 in Utah (298 miles).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn J. Bolton".

Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman
Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners
and NWTPR Vice Chairman

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January 20, 2016

Via E-mail

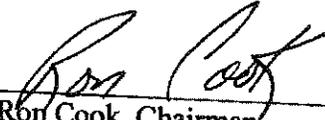
House Transportation and Energy Committee:

The Prowers County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests your support of House Bill 16-1018, Transportation Advisory Committee.

House Bill 16-1018 will require the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) to provide advice and comments regarding transportation related matters to both the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Commission rather than only to the department. This bill also clarifies transportation-related matters on which advice is to be provided and requires that the committee provide its advice and comments to both the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Commission.

House Bill 16-1018 will enhance the role of the STAC in providing advice and input in the discussions on critical transportation-related issues in Colorado. We urge a "yes" vote on HB 16-1018.

Sincerely,
PROWERS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



Ron Cook, Chairman



COLORADO

Transportation Commission

4201. E. Arkansas Ave.
Denver, CO 80122

KATHY
CONNELL,
Chairwoman
Steamboat
Springs

January 19, 2016

GARY REIFF,
Vice Chair
Englewood

Dear Representative Carver,

SHANNON
GIFFORD
Denver

I understand that your House Bill 16-1018 legislation will have its first committee hearing on January 20, 2016.

ED PETERSON
Lakewood

I'd first like to take this opportunity to thank you for your outreach to me and other members of the Transportation Commission on your bill. Your effort to reach out to us and visit with us about your proposal was recognized and very much appreciated.

HEATHER
BARRY
Westminster

The Transportation Commission supports the bill to have the STAC provide opinion and advice to the Transportation Commission directly. We feel that this bill ensures that we will have open communication with STAC. We as the Transportation Commission stand ready to hear their review and comments at our Transportation Commission meetings.

KATHY
GILLILAND
Livermore

KATHY HALL
Grand
Junction

SIDNY ZINK
Durango

Sincerely,
Kathy

NOLAN
SCHRINER
Colorado
Springs

Kathy Connell
Chairwoman, Colorado Transportation Commission

BILL THIEBAUT
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January 19, 2016

RE: House Bill 16-1018

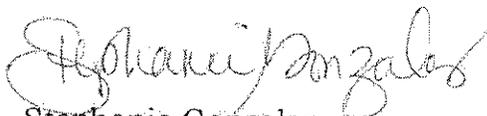
House Transportation and Energy Committee:

On behalf of Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. (SECED, Inc.) and the Southeast Transportation Planning Region, I am writing to you in support of House bill 16-1018, Transportation Advisory Committee.

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Sincerely,



Stephanie Gonzales
SECED, Inc. Executive Director
SE TPR Board Chair



January 19, 2016

House Transportation and Energy Committee:

Delta County
City of Delta
Town of Cedaredge
Town of Crawford
Town of Hotchkiss
Town of Paonia

Region 10 serves as the regional council of governments for Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray and San Miguel Counties. As such, we also host the Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR). On behalf of the Region 10 Board of Directors and the GVTPR, I am writing in support of House bill 16-1018, Transportation Advisory Committee.

Gunnison County
City of Gunnison
Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Town of Crested Butte

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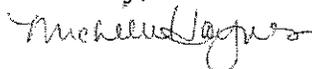
Hinsdale County
Town of Lake City

Montrose County
City of Montrose
Town of Naturita
Town of Olathe

Ouray County
City of Ouray
Town of Ridgway

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San Miguel County
Town of Telluride
Town of Mtn. Village
Town of Norwood

Sincerely,


Michelle Haynes,
Executive Director



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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January 19, 2016

State House Transportation Committee
4201 East Arkansas
Room 262
Denver, CO 80222

Honorable Members of the State House Transportation Committee,

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Pitkin County Board of Commissioners in support of HB 16-1018 clarifying that the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) advises both the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Transportation Commission. Under current law there is no requirement or guarantee that information generated through the grassroots planning processes of the Regional Planning Commissions and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee will be made available to support the important work of the Transportation Commission. This legislation will close that gap, and ensure local priorities and needs are clear to the Transportation Commission as they develop transportation policy and budget recommendations for the State Legislature.

Transportation is a cornerstone of Colorado's economy. Colorado's transportation system is managed by the Colorado Department of Transportation under the direction of the Transportation Commission. The Commission is comprised of 11 commissioners who are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate to represent different regions of the state. Duties of the Transportation Commission include: Formulating general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; Advising and making recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly relative to transportation policy; and promulgating and adopting CDOT's budgets and programs, including construction priorities and approval of extensions or abandonments of the state highway system.

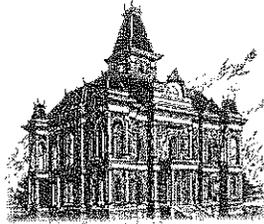
CDOT, to support its transportation planning efforts, established a grassroots planning process dividing the state into rural and metropolitan planning regions, where local elected officials work together in their respective areas to provide input on the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan. A member from each of the rural and metropolitan planning regions are appointed to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) who advises CDOT on the needs of Colorado's transportation system, and reviews and comments on all regional transportation plans and the Statewide transportation plan. Under current state law recommendations of the STAC are not provided directly to the Transportation Commission to support of their duties. This risks a major gap between the grassroots efforts to identify transportation needs through local elected officials and the Transportation Commission who recommends transportation policy and budget priorities to the State Legislature.

With limited resources and increasing demands on Colorado's transportation system we need to make every effort to bring the best information to the table to support the work of the Transportation Commission and State Legislature when making transportation policy and budget decisions. This proposed bill will ensure local priorities are communicated and considered in all aspects of transportation planning, policy development, and budgeting. **The Pitkin County Board of Commissioners fully supports passage of HB 16-1018 to ensure STAC recommendations are provided directly to the Transportation Commission.**

Thank you for your consideration. Members of the Pitkin County Board and staff are available to provide more information about Pitkin County's support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Rachel Richards, Chair Pitkin County Board of Commissioners



Bent County Board of County Commissioners

January 20, 2016

House Transportation and Energy Committee:

I am writing to you in support of House bill 16-1018, Transportation Advisory Committee.

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House Bill 16-1018 will enhance the role of the STAC in providing advice and input in the discussions on critical transportation-related issues in Colorado. We urge a "yes" vote on HB 16-1018.

Sincerely,

Bill Long, Chair
Bent County Board of County Commissioners



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

January 19, 2016

State Representative Terri Carver
Colorado House District 20
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RE: Support for House Bill 16-1018, Transportation Advisory Committee

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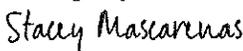
As the board that oversees the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO), the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) supports House Bill 16-1018, Transportation Advisory Committee.

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Thank you for your efforts with this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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Stacey Mascarenas, Chair
Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee