



Written Statement submitted to the RTD Board of Directors June 27, 2017

Summary Statement: *Transit Alliance applauds the improvements on Broadway and Lincoln as a regional model for the future of bus service. The stop consolidation and an exclusive all-day transit lane provide better regional connectivity, set the tone for future successful partnerships with towns, cities, and counties, and most importantly will be a win for Denver and metro region residents with consistent and faster service all-day long.*

Thank you and good evening to members of the RTD Board, staff, and guests, my name is Jamie Perkins, Program Manager at Transit Alliance, a nonprofit organization with a 20-year history of partnering with you at RTD and advancing public transportation in the metro region. On behalf of Transit Alliance, I am here to provide our comments of support for improvements coming to the Broadway and Lincoln Corridor.

As most of you know we have a long history of supporting investments in rail transit, but Transit Alliance firmly believes that the future of transportation in this region will be major investments and improvements to your bus network. While you might think that Broadway and Lincoln are a Denver-specific project, we see huge benefits for the entire RTD district. Like much of the metro region, Broadway is changing. RTD and the City & County of Denver are wise to get ahead of the curve by ensuring that more people will be able to travel to and through this corridor. Providing even better bus service on Broadway and Lincoln will leverage the transit-oriented development happening at Broadway and Alameda Stations, while helping to connect existing neighborhoods and businesses.

The cooperation and collaboration between RTD and the City sets an example regionwide. Transit Alliance strongly believes that the future of transit in this region is providing exemplary bus service that is frequent, reliable, and serves all district residents. This is possible only with the cooperation of municipalities to develop smart land use policies that prioritize transit riders.

Most importantly, these are improvements that elevate the importance of transit service for all people, not just those people commuting in and out of Denver during peak hours. Transit Alliance envisions a future where transit is a first choice for affordable living and not just for commuting

We are leading a coalition of organizations that support a “Better Broadway” and will activate our citizen leaders throughout the district to support these efforts to better serve people who ride the bus. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to all of the region, but especially for those of us in the region that make the bus a top choice.