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POSITION: SUPPORT HB16-1155
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TO: Members of the House and Senate
FROM: James J. Cole, Garin Vorthmann, Zoey DeWolf & Melanie Layton
CLIENT: Weld County
RE: HB16-1155 —Controlled-Access Highway as County Primary Road;
 Sponsors — Reps. Saine and Mitsch Bush & Sehs. Sonnenberg and Marble
DATE: January 28, 2016

WHAT THE BILL DOES:

HB-16 1155 enables counties to control access points to four-lane highways they construct. It mirrors the authority of CDOT for their highways. It further defines the relationship between counties and municipalities where a county takes on full construction and maintenance costs.

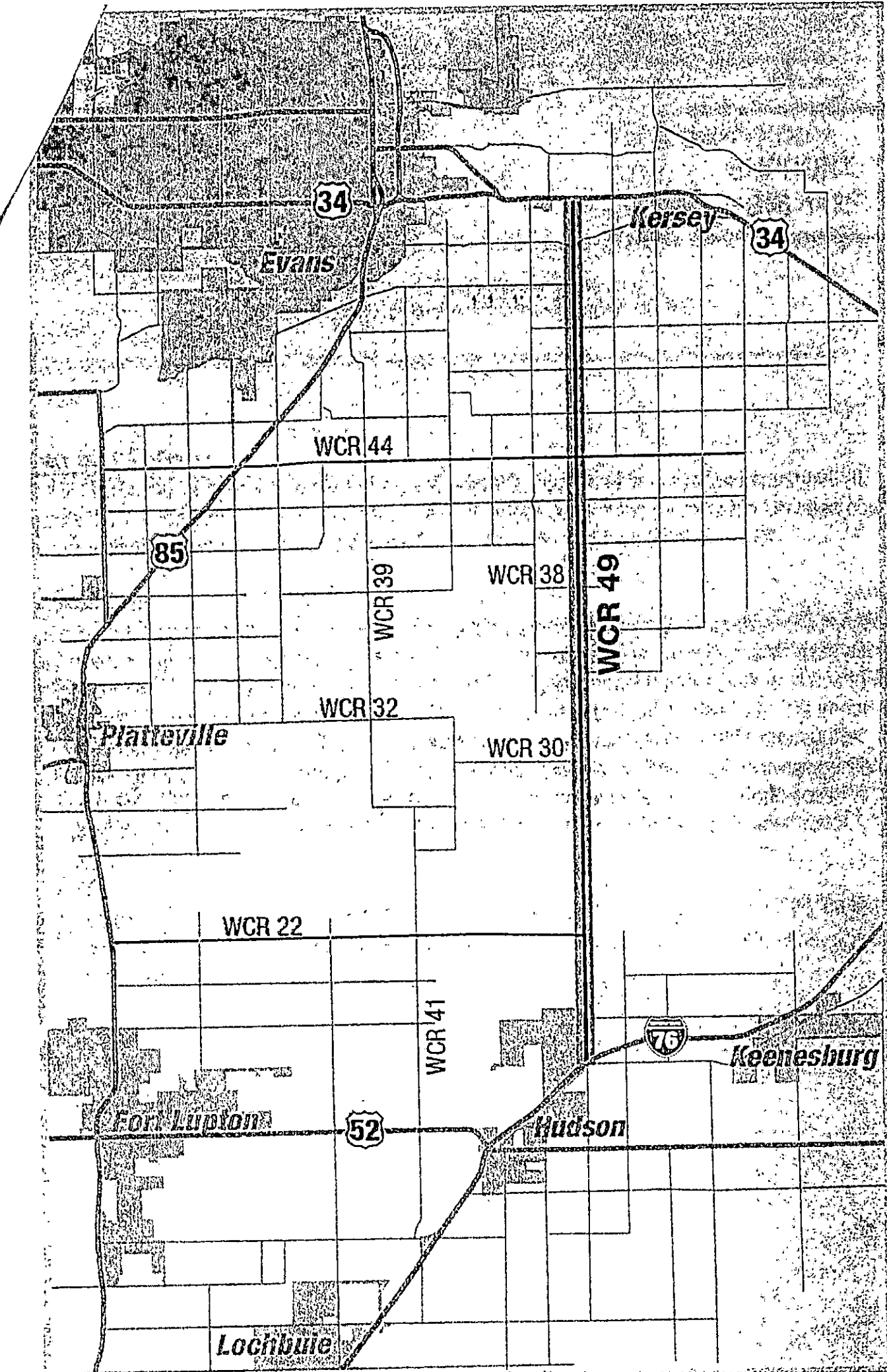
BACKGROUND:

Counties are beginning to construct their own limited access highways to address traffic congestion. This creates opportunities for commercial traffic and commuters to move with greater ease as surface development expands. In the case of Weld County they are embarking on a project to spend \$137 million and take on the future maintenance of a 24 mile stretch of County Road 49. It is important that the County be in control of determining access points as urbanization occurs around this particular highway. By way of comparison, random access on US 85 has resulted in congestion, injury and loss of life. The lesson learned is that proactive planning using controlled access highways like those authorized in HB 1155 will result in better traffic flow and safer travel conditions.

CONCLUSION:

This bill provides counties that choose to build a limited access highway the tool they need to ensure the purpose for which it was built remains intact.

Please SUPPORT HB16-1155 !



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To whom it concerns:

As the mayor of the Town of Keenesburg I support H.B. 16-1155. The bill will give the county the authority to construct, maintain and operate a four-lane controlled-access highway within the county. This bill will assist in protecting the county's investment of over \$150,000,000 in the Weld County 49 corridor and galvanize our Intergovernmental Agreement in perpetuity. The bill's benefits to cities and towns are enormous. First, no municipal dollars will be spent constructing and maintaining the highway; all such expenses will be paid by the county. Second, municipalities will still be able to annex property and develop along the corridor. Third, the highway will enable traffic and commerce to travel efficiently and safely through the county and its municipalities enhancing economic development. Finally, having one jurisdiction construct, maintain and operate the highway will preserve the functional integrity of the roadway by eliminating inconsistent standards that typically accompany roadways going from rural to urban settings.

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Danny Kipp

Mayor Town Of Keenesburg

From: Tommy Holton <THolton@fortlupton.org>
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Subject: RE: HB 16-1155 and WCR 49

Kevin,

The City of Fort Lupton agrees with the Weld County Commissioners, we need to have this bill passed to protect the huge investment that the County is making in this road project. I would as the Mayor like to see CML take a neutral position in this matter. IGA's are fine until they are broken, all parties are in agreement now and with the next election things could change.

Mayor Tommy Holton

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To Whom it May Concern:

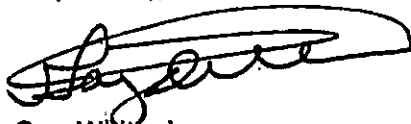
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Respectfully,



Gary White, Jr.
Mayor
Town of Ault