

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 16-1155.

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly is currently considering House Bill ("HB") 1155, which would authorize a county to designate a four-lane controlled-access highway that is located in both unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county as a primary road of the county highway system, and, in connection therewith, specifying the jurisdiction, control, and duties of the county and of a municipality through which the highway passes with respect to such highway; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Weld County have entered into intergovernmental agreements pursuant to which the County will be constructing major improvements to Weld County 49 in order to provide an efficient traffic corridor in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Weld County through which it passes; and

WHEREAS, given this significant investment by Weld County for this roadway, and anticipating the County may similarly improve other roadways within the County that are necessary or desirable to the efficient flow of traffic, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Keenesburg finds the authorization that would be conferred on counties by HB 1155 appropriate and necessary to maintaining such corridors in the future; and

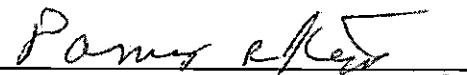
WHEREAS, the Board further finds the authorization to be conferred by HB 1155 would directly benefit residents of the Town of Keenesburg, as it will encourage Weld County to invest in primary roads within the County that are used on a regular basis by Town residents.

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


The Board of Trustees of the Town of Keenesburg hereby expresses its support of HB 1155 and urges the Colorado General Assembly to adopt it during this 2016 legislative session.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2016.

TOWN OF KEENESBURG, COLORADO


 Danny R. Kipp, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Debra L. Chumley, Town Clerk
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February 4, 2016

Dear Representative Lori Saine and Senator Kirkmeyer,

The Town of Berthoud supports H.B. 15-1155. The bill will give a 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.

A similar statute exists for state highways that extend through municipalities (C.R.S. §42-3-135). H.B. 15-1155 will replicate C.R.S. §42-3-135 and encourage a county to build four-lane controlled-access highways that greatly benefit all of the county's citizens.

David Gregg
Mayor
Town of Berthoud



City of
Evans, Colorado

Office of the Mayor

February 17, 2016

The City of Evans supports House Bill 16-1155 in its amended form. The bill will give a 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 continue to build on our successful intergovernmental cooperation efforts between Weld County and Weld County municipalities.

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. For Evans, this project will help reduce heavy truck traffic on U.S. 85 that runs through our community.

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.

A similar statute already exists for state highways that extend through municipalities (Section 42-3-135, C.R.S.). House Bill 16-1155 will replicate C.R.S. §42-3-135 and encourage a county to build four-lane controlled-access highways that greatly benefit all of the county's citizens. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the Evans City Manager at 970-475-1119.

Sincerely,

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