

Subject: Resolution No. 6, Series 2026 — A Resolution Encouraging the Regional Transportation District to Complete the Northwest Rail Corridor Project

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Summary:

Adopt a Resolution to encourage the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to utilize reserve FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA) funds to complete the Northwest Rail Line to Longmont, through the City of Louisville, also known as the B-Line.

Background / Prior Discussions:

In September 2025, the Regional Transportation District (RTD) proposed using funds from the \$190 million FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA) reserves for FasTracks maintenance needs and FasTracks debt over the next five years, including the diversion of millions in 2026. It was recently reported that RTD financial reserves are \$1 Billion (including restricted funds).

Directing funds toward non FISA-related capital expenditures is inconsistent and noncompliant with RTD's Fiscal Policy which states "...the FISA will be used to provide to complete and operate additional FasTracks projects."

Residents of Louisville have paid millions to the dedicated FasTracks sales tax for 20 years and deserve to see commitments honored.

RTD's fiscal policy reflects a commitment to fiscal responsibility and long-term planning, ensuring that taxpayer dollars collected are reinvested in completing the voter-approved transit vision rather than being absorbed into general operations. The RTD budget proposals are not a reflection of that commitment.

The proposed Resolution would memorialize the City's position that RTD not divert FISA funds from its intended purpose and instead that RTD should complete the FasTracks corridors that the City was promised two decades ago.

Development Proposal:

N/A

Analysis:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution to request that FISA funds remain committed to the original stated purpose of completing the four unfinished FasTracks rail corridors and not be used for non FISA-related capital expenditures.

Council Work Plan:

This resolution supports aspirational goals of rail service in Louisville which indirectly impacts Economic Vitality, Core Services, Safety, and Housing.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact in supporting this resolution.

Alternatives:

The City Council can opt not to adopt Resolution 6, Series 2026, and stay silent regarding RTD funding decisions related to tax dollars collected from the residents of Louisville.

Recommendation:

Pass Resolution 6, Series 2025 - A Resolution Encouraging the Regional Transportation District to complete the Northwest Rail Corridor Project.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 6, Series 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. 6
SERIES 2026**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
TO COMPLETE THE NORTHWEST RAIL CORRIDOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville strongly supports a regional passenger rail connection for the northwest corridor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. the City of Louisville has taken significant steps to support regional passenger rail through rezoning, land use policy, incentives to vision-aligned development, and construction of parks and public infrastructure; and

Section 2. the residents of Louisville have paid millions in sales tax since 2004 as part of the FasTracks program which promised to provide multiple regional passenger rail stops within the City; and

Section 3. the Regional Transportation District (RTD) has not, to date, fulfilled its commitment to voters to complete the northwest commuter rail line (also known as the “B Line”); and

Section 4. RTD has announced the diversion of FasTracks funds for northwest rail construction to general operations, including maintenance and debt service, which is inconsistent with its stated Fiscal Policy; and

Section 5. the City of Louisville remains committed to contributing to regional transit service to reduce reliance on single occupant passenger vehicles; and

Section 6. the City of Louisville does not support using committed FasTracks funds for other purposes besides construction and completion of the northwest rail; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2026.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, City Clerk