

RESOLUTION NO. 11
SERIES OF 2004

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**A
RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE NOVEMBER 2004 BALLOT QUESTION 4A
FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S FASTRACKS
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Denver metropolitan region is currently the third most congested metropolitan area in the country and is expected to worsen as the region adds more than 900,000 people and 600,000 jobs by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation District has developed a regional transit plan called "FasTracks" which includes development of six new rapid transit corridors (I-225, Gold Line, East, West, North Metro and US 36) and improvements/extensions to an additional three rapid transit corridors (Southwest, Southeast and Central); new and expanded Park-n-Ride's; development of the transit elements of Denver Union Station; and an enhanced bus network including timed transfer points called "FastConnects;" all that will be implemented within a 12 year time frame; and

WHEREAS, FasTracks is a proactive plan that responds to the growing transportation needs of the Denver metropolitan region by providing transportation alternatives through an enhanced region-wide, reliable and safe transit system; and

WHEREAS, FasTracks was developed from the recommendations of Major Investment Studies and Environmental Impact Studies that were conducted by RTD over the past six years with extensive input from the general public and local governments. Those results were further refined through an open public process that ultimately became the FasTracks Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments Board has unanimously approved the method of financing and the technology selected for each of the fixed guideway corridors and the entire plan as per SB 90-208; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation District has authorized submitting a ballot issue to seek authorization to fund construction of the FasTracks Plan with a 0.4% sales tax increase; and

WHEREAS, if FasTracks is not approved by the voters, funding for any additional transit corridors would not permit construction of any new corridor for over 15 years; and


WHEREAS, FasTracks will positively affect the citizens of the City of Cherry Hills Village by reducing congestion; stimulating the economy and encouraging economic development; providing development and redevelopment opportunities; increasing travel choices and reducing travel time; improving air quality; and aiding in fuel conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado, that:

1. The City of Cherry Hills Village supports approval of RTD's FasTracks Plan by the Denver Regional Council of Governments; and
2. The City of Cherry Hills Village supports RTD going to the voters in November 2004 with a .4% sales tax increase to implement FasTracks; and

3. The City of Cherry Hills Village will work with RTD to determine the local contribution. The contribution could consist of right-of-way dedications, permit fee waivers, cash contributions, utility relocations or any other direct, project-related corridor cost.
4. The City of Cherry Hills Village will continue to work cooperatively with RTD to work out details and resolve issues as they arise through this process; and
5. The City of Cherry Hills Village will actively work on informing their citizens of the FasTracks Plan.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of City Council this 21st day of September 2004, by a vote of 6 Yes and 0 No.



Doug Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pettinger, City Clerk

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