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Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper

FasTracks Program

The most ambitious transit initiative in U.S. history, creating an opportunity to connect smart growth, housing choices and expanded transportation options.

“All 32 Denver metropolitan mayors and the Regional Transportation District joined forces and worked hard to earn community support for a sales tax increase to build FasTracks, the largest transportation initiative in the country with 119 miles of new light rail. We were able to demonstrate to residents throughout the metropolitan area how they would benefit – that even if they wouldn’t ride light rail, they’d end up with shorter commute times by getting as many people possible off the highways and onto the trains. FasTracks will be a crown jewel for Colorado and a clear example of what can happen when government and the communities they serve come together for a common goal.”

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Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas Leighton

Efficient Energy Service Program

A broad-reaching, public project that utilized a combination of energy efficient & cost-saving, lighting upgrades throughout various city departments.

“Initiating an efficient energy service program in Wilkes-Barre made both environmental and economic sense. Through this program, we lessened our impact on the environment while experienced substantial cost-savings, estimated to be \$170,000 annually. By winning this award, we hope to serve as a model for other communities and businesses who strive to become more environmentally conscious.”

— Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas Leighton