

What is the Central Corridor Extension?

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What is an Environmental Evaluation?

All FasTracks corridors require an evaluation of environmental impacts. Federally-funded projects require the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and locally-funded projects use an Environmental Evaluation (EE) process. The Central Corridor Extension is expected to be locally-funded, and as a result, it is not subject to the requirements of the NEPA process. The Central Corridor EE will be prepared in accordance with the same RTD guidelines as used for NEPA corridors.

The EE process is similar to the NEPA process and includes:

- A report that identifies a Preferred Alternative
- A determination of environmental impacts and the associated avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures associated with the impacts
- Public involvement and agency coordination throughout the entire process.

What Happens Next?

The project team will conduct analysis for changes at the northern end of the alignment. The Central Corridor Extension update will examine the potential traffic and environmental impacts caused by the changed end of alignment to connect to the 38th/Blake Station rather than at 40th Avenue previously.

Results of all analysis will be presented at the next public meeting during the Draft EE comment period. The Draft EE is anticipated to be released for public review in November 2009 and the Final EE will be submitted to the RTD Board of Directors for adoption.

Once the document is adopted and funding is identified, contractor selection, final design, and construction can begin.

How to Stay Involved?

There are several ways to stay involved with what's happening on the Central Corridor Extension:

- **Contact the RTD FasTracks Office**
1560 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-299-2000
- **Fill out a comment form**
Please take a moment to share your thoughts about topics discussed at tonight's meeting by completing the comment sheet and returning it tonight or mailing it to the Central Corridor Extension project office.
- **Check out the website**
For project updates and for information on how to provide comments, visit the project website at: www.rtd-fastracks.com, click on the Central Corridor along the left side of the screen.
- **Join our email mailing list at www.rtd-fastracks.com**
By joining our email mailing list you will receive an email notification of all scheduled public meeting dates and updates to the project website.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Neighborhood: _____

Phone/Email address: _____ Date: _____

Would you like to be added to our project mailing list? Yes No

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