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Gold Line EIS Contact Report

Date of contact: August 8, 2006
Contact initiated by: GBSM
Contact method: Presentation at the Highland United Neighbors Inc. Planning and Community Development Committee Meeting
Attendees: Dave Hollis, Don Ulrich, Andy Mountain, Megan Lane and 13 attendees
Purpose: Facilitate outreach to residents of the Highland neighborhood by informing the HUNI board of the project and finding out about local concerns

Meeting Summary/Key Issues

We gave a brief presentation introducing the Gold Line EIS at the monthly meeting of HUNI's Planning and Community Development Committee Meeting, chaired by Tim Boers. We then held a 20-minute Q&A.

Specific Comments:

- Tim Boers reiterated that both HUNI and SUNI want the 38th and Inca station to be done in a way that encourages economic development in the neighborhood. He pointed to the Fox Street corridor specifically as an area that has huge redevelopment potential.
- Access to Northwest Denver stations is extremely important to the committee. They expressed a desire for convenient station locations that would result in fewer cars on the road.
- The committee wants Northwest Denver residents to have easy access to Boulder by having the 38th and Inca station serve both the Gold Line and NW Rail.
- Tim Boers stated that HUNI would prefer EMU technology for both the Gold Line and NW Rail. He mentioned that pollution is problematic for the Highland neighborhood, since it is located in the lowest part of the Denver Metro basin. He also thinks that EMU allows for the possibility of using other types of energy in the future, such as solar or wind power.
- The committee asked why the Gold Line would stop at Ward Road instead of continuing to Golden.
- The attendees were interested in knowing how many properties would be acquired in the proposed alignment.
- One attendee asked which parts of the alignment would be elevated.
- The committee was interested to learning about compliance and safety issues with running light rail trains in a freight corridor.
- The committee expressed their gratitude for the Gold Line team's public outreach efforts.

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Action Items:

- Add all members who signed up for the mailing list into the database.
- Log specific comments in TrackVia.

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