

Visual Impacts Analysis

- RTD analyzes the visual impacts of the Gold Line – such as the project’s tracks, catenary (overhead wires), bridges, soundwalls and fencing – for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- The majority of the Gold Line corridor has minimal visual impacts:
 - Project elements are generally compatible with their surroundings.
 - Impacts are typically contained within the railroad right of way.
 - Many station areas are industrial or redeveloping.
- Some anticipated sensitivities include retaining walls, catenary poles and wires, and the project’s close proximity to some residential areas.

Potential Mitigation Measures for Visual Impacts

Project Element	Mitigation Measure
All Urban Design Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Station Charrettes (small-scale public meetings to discuss station design) ● Issue Focused Teams to gather public input
Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Match existing bridges ● Landscape abutments
Retaining walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compatible retaining wall design ● Wall landscaping
Catenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Architectural poles designed to match existing surroundings ● Compatible catenary design