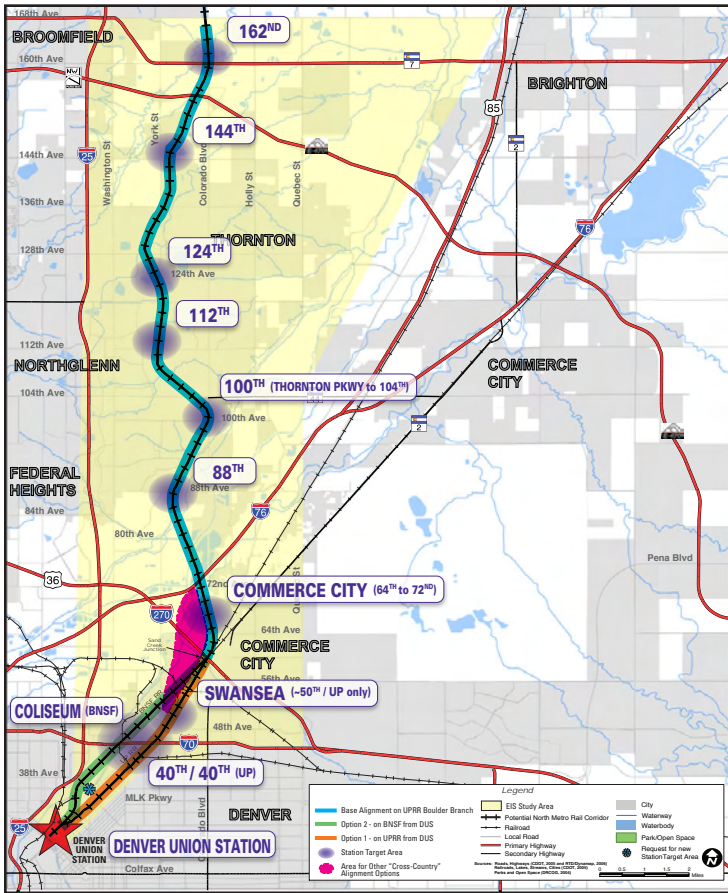




NORTH METRO CORRIDOR DEIS / BASIC ENGINEERING PROPOSED STATION AREAS



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DEIS DEVELOPMENT?

The No Action, TSM, and Build Alternatives will be defined, explored and compared in much greater detail than has been conducted to date in the Alternatives Analysis. This includes further assessment of the degree of achievement of Purpose and Need, Cost and Cost-Effectiveness, and detailed natural resource and community impact analysis (such as noise and air quality). The environmental consequences portion of the DEIS will present the estimated effects, both beneficial and adverse, for each of the project alternatives in over 20 subject categories covering a wide array of community and natural environment topic areas. This analysis will be completed using well-developed and accepted methodologies along with the concurrence of the responsible agencies. Mitigation strategies for adverse impacts will also be presented in the DEIS, as warranted, along with final recommendations on the Preferred Alternative.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUILD ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED THIS SUMMER

Public Meeting Set #4 on July 31st and August 1st will focus on presenting the project team's draft recommendations and their rationale for the Build Alternatives to advance into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This step concludes the basic Alternatives Analysis. These Build Alternatives along with the No Action and Transportation Systems Management Alternatives will be further explored in the DEIS.

COMPONENTS OF THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES

The Build Alternatives have several components including trackway alignment, stations, vehicles, and operating plan. The following types of draft recommendations will be presented at the public meetings.

ALIGNMENT

A. From Denver Union Station (DUS) – One alignment will be recommended from the two under consideration – BNSF or UPRR.

B. Through Commerce City – The project team will retain several alignment options to advance in the process. A single “winner” among the options under consideration has not yet appeared

VEHICLES

The project team will present the analysis to date of the two rail vehicle technologies currently under consideration.

STATIONS

The project team will recommend the station site options to advance from among the several site options under consideration at each station target area where practicable. The Commerce City station target area will need to advance several site options because of the multiple alignments still on the table in that city.

SERVICE PLAN

The project team will present the draft service plan for rail and bus operations for the corridor.

WHAT ARE THE NO ACTION AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (TSM) ALTERNATIVES?

The No Action Alternative incorporates the highway and transit improvements, including FasTracks, from the region's 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) except that it does not include the rail transit project in the North Metro Corridor. The TSM Alternative enhances the No Action Alternative by further improving bus services/facilities and travel demand management strategies within the corridor. The TSM Alternative also does not include the North Metro rail transit project. Together these two options provide important references for comparisons to the Build Alternatives for assessing the achievement of the project's Purpose and Need and for highlighting tradeoffs in community and environmental impacts.

