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North Metro CORRIDOR

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

The North Metro Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which was originally scheduled to be released this month, has been delayed because of recent developments in negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad. Please attend our next public meetings to learn how Union Pacific Railroad negotiations affect the southern portion of the North Metro Corridor and the project’s schedule. We will also be discussing noise and traffic analysis results as well as station and “cross-country” options.

**PLEASE
COME TO OUR
NEXT PUBLIC
MEETINGS**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 19, 2008
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Adams 12 Five Star Schools
Conference Center
1500 E. 128th Ave.
Thornton, CO

**THURSDAY
MARCH 20, 2008
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Bruce Randolph
Middle School
3955 Steele St.
Denver, CO

NORTH METRO CORRIDOR DEIS STATUS AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD NEGOTIATIONS

RTD continues to negotiate with both Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and BNSF Railway about properties needed for the North Metro line and other FasTracks corridors.

As part of RTD’s system-wide FasTracks negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad, the UP recently presented RTD with a package of properties, including southern portions of the North Metro alignment, that was unaffordable. RTD is still negotiating with UP and anticipates reaching an agreement to purchase several UP properties for FasTracks – including the northern section of the North Metro line – in the upcoming months.

To keep the North Metro Corridor Environmental Impact Statement progressing and the line on schedule to open in 2015, we will revisit alternatives in the south, between Denver Union Station and 54th Avenue. The additional evaluation will occur this spring and summer, with the Draft EIS scheduled to be released in the Fall of 2008. We will continue to work closely with our stakeholders on this effort as we have done in the past. Please attend our next public meetings to learn more. We look forward to your continued input and participation in our evaluation as we move forward with analyzing alternatives for the North Metro Corridor.

PROJECT MILESTONES

RAIL VEHICLE RECOMMENDATION

At our last public meetings, the North Metro Corridor presented the project's preferred alignment, station options, rail service plan and rail vehicle recommendation. The team extensively investigated two types of commuter rail vehicle technology: Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) and Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU). Using evaluation criteria such as lifecycle costs, noise, effect on air quality, and visual impacts, as well as the ability of the technology to achieve the project's purpose and need, the project team recommended that DMU serve the North Metro Corridor. Following the last public meetings, the team presented the recommended Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) technology to the RTD Board of Directors, which accepted the recommendation in October 2007.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

North Metro has been analyzing the possible environmental and community impacts of the build alternatives for inclusion in the DEIS document. A review of preliminary results will be presented at the next public meeting.

QUIET ZONE WORK PLAN

The FasTracks program developed a work plan for coordinating with the local jurisdictions on the implementation of Quiet Zones. The program held a workshop on March 4 to begin the process of implementing Quiet Zones within the commuter rail corridors.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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