

Southeast Corridor Extension Public Meeting/Open House No. 1 – October 15, 2008

Meeting Date/Location

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 – City of Lone Tree, Community Room B, 8527 Lone Tree Parkway, Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

Purpose of the Meeting

- **Project Overview**
 - Extends light rail for 2.3 miles from Lincoln Avenue to RidgeGate
 - kiss-n-Ride station at Sky Ridge
 - kiss-n-Ride station at the future Lone Tree City Center
 - End-of-line station at RidgeGate with a 2,000 space park-n-Ride facility
 - Purpose and need definition – Fall 2008
 - Alternative development/Environmental Evaluation – Spring/Summer 2009
 - Final results – Fall/Winter 2009
- **Planning Process**
 - No Federal funding, NEPA process not required
 - Confirm purpose and need
 - Define study area
 - Complete Environmental Evaluation
 - Identify preferred alternative
 - Complete basic engineering (30% design)
- **What is Purpose and Need?**
 - Purpose: Reason for the project
 - Need: Conditions the project must address
 - Purpose and Need establish the base from which alternatives are evaluated
- **Purpose**
 - Provide light rail transit service to the city of Lone Tree and Northern Douglas County, particularly the RidgeGate Planned Development.
- **Need**
 - Address development and growth in Douglas County and Lone Tree
 - Provide reliable alternative to automobile
 - Improve local and regional travel options
 - Meet 2004 voter mandate
- **Basic Engineering**
 - Plan serves as a starting point
 - Project team will finalize alignment and produce 30% design
- **Public Input/What you can impact**
 - Purpose and need
 - Alternative alignments and station location
 - Evaluation process
 - Environmental impacts
 - Mitigation measures
 - Schedule
 - Public involvement process
 - Input effects over time, as project progresses, input decreases

- **Project Schedule**

- Planning process, define purpose and need and public meeting No. 1 – Fall 2008
- Refinement of project definition, evaluation of alternatives, public meeting No. 2 – Spring 2009
- Results of environmental evaluation, impacts, mitigation, Public meeting no. 3 – Fall 2009
- Final results, RTD Board approval of preferred alternative, mitigation commitments

Public Participation and Input

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

What we heard

- **RidgeGate**

- What is the timing for the RidgeGate development? Lone Tree addressed that is an eight year old plan with plans for high density development over next 30 to 35 years, with development underway on west side; east side development starting in next three to five years.

- **FasTracks**

- Urged accelerating construction of SkyRidge station and pushing back timing of others by one or two years. Work with City of Lone Tree and SkyRidge to expedite because they are almost completely developed.

Materials

- Display Boards including Overview, Process, Purpose and Need, Public Involvement and Engineering Board showing FasTracks Alignment for SE Corridor
- SE Corridor Newsletter #1
- PowerPoint Presentation, Public Meeting #1 October

Outreach

- 75 newsletter distributed to Lone Tree Municipal Center, Recreation Center and Library
- 75 newsletters distributed to SkyRidge Medical Center
- 250 newsletters distributed door-to-door to Heritage Hills
- 200 newsletters distributed door-to-door to RidgeGate businesses and residences including all single family and town homes completed in the area
- Email newsletter and meeting notice to all HOAs in Lone Tree
- Email newsletter and meeting notice to Lone Tree Transportation Committee
- Email newsletter and meeting notice to CDOT representatives
- Introduction letter and newsletter mailed to all local elected officials, City of Lone Tree and Douglas County
- Advertisements ran October 2 and October 9, 2008
 - Centennial Citizen- 11,660 circ
 - Englewood Herald- 1565 circ
 - Highlands Ranch Herald- 28,320 circ
 - Littleton Independent- 3970 circ
 - Lone Tree Voice- 5085 circ
- Project website updated with meeting information and notices