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**FasTracks West Corridor Seeks Community Input**  
Value Engineering proposals available for public review

LAKEWOOD, CO – The FasTracks West Corridor team recently completed a Value Engineering Study, a detailed process that reviewed the overall project for ways to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The VE team recommended 61 proposed changes to help contain costs. Specific recommendations related to the West Corridor light rail line include items ranging from single-tracking sections of the alignment to changes in materials.

RTD will accept public comments on the proposed changes through Monday, February 12. Members of the West Corridor communities are invited to discuss these proposals with the project team.

When: Wednesday, January 31, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Where: Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
Exhibit Halls 1, 2 and 3  
15200 W. 6th Avenue, Golden

Comments can also be submitted at any time through February 12 by visiting the project Web site at [www.rtdwestcorridor.com](http://www.rtdwestcorridor.com). A complete list of VE proposals along with an electronic comment form can be found by clicking on “Document Center” in the column on the left.

RTD representatives will consider these proposals and make decisions that best serve the project. RTD is currently in the process of evaluating the impacts and validating with further study those ideas in terms of function, community expectations, schedule and other factors. Each of the proposals has been placed in one of the following categories:

- Accept
- Accept with modifications
- Table for further study
- Reject

Value Engineering is a requirement on all FTA federally-funded projects and has been used by RTD on many past projects. The VE team included participants from California, Utah, Texas, Arizona, Washington and Colorado who were able to look at the project from an objective viewpoint, and develop proposals based solely on technical merit and cost-savings potential. Last December’s VE session provided many recommendations to help contain costs in several areas, including civil construction, systems and operations elements. Substitutions, for example, can often be made to replace costly materials with less expensive ones that function just as well.

FasTracks is a voter-approved, \$4.7 billion, 12-year program, to expand rail and bus service throughout the eight-county Regional Transportation District. Scheduled for completion in 2017, the RTD FasTracks Program will be funded by a combination of a region-wide sales tax, federal funds, and private contributions.

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