



Welcome

Central Corridor Extension

Public Meeting

Wednesday October 21, 2009

Agenda

- What is the Central Corridor Extension (CCE)?
- What is an Environmental Evaluation?
- Project History
- What's included in the CCE?
- Next Steps
- How to stay involved
- Question and Answer Session

What is an Environmental Evaluation?

- All FasTracks corridors are being evaluated for environmental impacts.
- Federally funded projects require the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; locally-funded projects use an EE process.
- EE process, similar to NEPA, includes:
 - Report with description of Preferred Alternative
 - Determination of environmental impacts and the associated avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures
 - Public involvement and agency coordination

Project History

- **June 2003 – The project began as part of the I-70 East Corridor EIS.**
- **June 2006 – The highway and transit elements of the I-70 East Corridor EIS were separated into two independent projects.**
- **January 2008 – CCE put on hold pending the completion of the East Corridor EIS.**

Project History

Initial Alternatives

Extension of light rail from 30th/Welton station to East Corridor



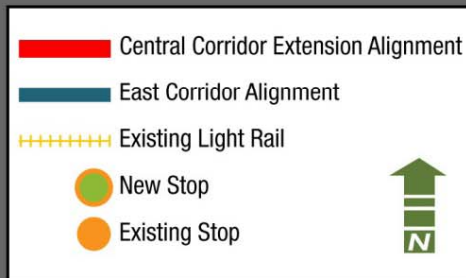
Project History

November 2006 Recommendations

- Rail transit operating in traffic

- Civic Center to East Corridor

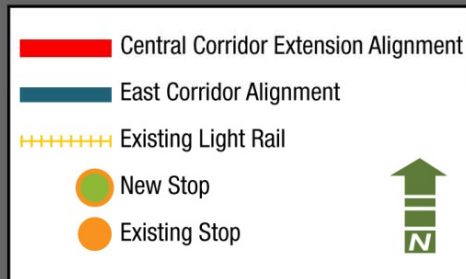
- Modern streetcar or single light rail vehicle



Project History

July 2007 Recommendations

- Rail transit operating in traffic
- Downtown light rail loop to East Corridor
- Single light rail vehicle



Project Context

- July 2008 – East Corridor 40th/40th commuter rail station moved to 38th/Blake.
- August 2009 – The City and County of Denver adopts the 38th& Blake Station Area Plan.
- September 2009 – The East Corridor Final EIS is released. The release allows updates to the CCE to begin.

Next Steps

- Update analysis to reflect the 36th Street change
- Release the Draft EE for public comment - November 2009
- Respond to comments and release the Final EE – January 2010
- Submit the Final EE to the RTD Board of Directors for adoption - February 2010
- The project ready for final design and construction

How to Stay Involved

- **Contact the RTD FasTracks Office**
 - 1560 Broadway, Suite 700
 - Denver, CO 80202
 - 303-299-2000
- **Fill out a comment form**
- **Check out the project website:**
www.rtd-fastracks.com



Questions?