

What is the Central Corridor Extension?

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) *FasTracks Plan* identified an extension of the existing Central Corridor from its current end of line at 30th/Downing to a connection with the planned East Corridor commuter rail service.

The Central Corridor Extension Draft Environmental Evaluation (EE) recommends in-traffic transit operations between the existing 30th/Downing light rail station and the 38th/Blake station planned for the East Corridor commuter rail line between Denver Union Station (DUS) and the Denver International Airport (DIA). The Preferred Alternative for the Central Corridor Extension includes two new stops at 33rd/Downing and 35th/Downing.

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What is an Environmental Evaluation?

All FasTracks corridors require an evaluation of environmental impacts. Federally-funded projects require the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and locally-funded projects use an EE process. The Central Corridor Extension is expected to be locally-funded, and as a result, it is not subject to the requirements of the NEPA process. The Central Corridor Extension EE will be prepared in accordance with the same RTD guidelines as used for NEPA corridors.

The EE process is similar to the NEPA process and includes:

- A report that identifies a Preferred Alternative
- A determination of environmental impacts and the associated avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures
- Public involvement and agency coordination throughout the entire process

Central Corridor Extension Draft Environmental Evaluation has been released!

The Central Corridor Extension Draft EE has been released and is available for public review and comment from December 9, 2009 through January 11, 2010. The document is available to the public online, and at the following locations:

RTD – FasTracks Office
1560 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202
303-299-2000

Valdez-Perry Library
4690 Vine Street
Denver, CO 80216
303-295-4302

Blair-Caldwell Library
2401 Welton Street
Denver, CO 80205
720-865-2401

Ford-Warren Library
2825 High Street
Denver, CO 80205
720-865-0920

What Happens Next?

After the comment period closes, the project team will address comments and conduct any additional analysis that may be required to complete the Final EE. Upon completion of the Final EE, the document will be submitted in early 2010 to the RTD Board of Directors for adoption. Once the document is adopted and funding is identified, contractor selection, final design, and construction can begin.

How to Stay Informed?

There are several ways to stay informed with what's happening on the Central Corridor Extension:

➤ **Contact the RTD FasTracks Office**

➤ **Fill out a comment form**

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about topics discussed at tonight's meeting by completing the comment sheet and returning it tonight or mailing it to:

Central Corridor Extension Project Team
c/o PBS&J
4601 DTC Boulevard, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80237
Attn: Central Corridor Extension Draft EE

➤ **Check out the website**

For project updates and for information on how to view the document and provide comments, visit the project website at: www.rtd-fastracks.com/cc_1

➤ **Join our email mailing list at www.rtd-fastracks.com/cc_1**

By joining our email mailing list you will receive an email notification of all updates to the project website.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Neighborhood: _____

Phone/Email address: _____ Date: _____

Would you like to be added to our project mailing list? Yes No

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The Draft EE document includes a Preferred Alternative recommendation as well as identifies the avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures associated with the environmental impacts.

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