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Gold Line EIS Contact Report

Date of contact: August 15, 2006
Contact initiated by: GBSM
Contact method: Listening Session with Wheat Ridge 2020 Board
Attendees: Andy Mountain, Megan Lane and 8 attendees
Purpose: To provide the organization with information on the Gold Line EIS and inform the board on opportunities for involvement

Meeting Summary/Key Issues

Andy Mountain and Megan Lane gave a 30-minute overview of the Gold Line EIS and spent the following hour conducting Q&A. Wheat Ridge 2020 was primarily interested in learning how they could get involved in the EIS process. The group had a specific interest in the end-of-line station at Ward Road. They believe that the Gold Line is extremely important to the future sustainability and economic viability of Wheat Ridge.

Specific Comments:

- The Gold Line is extremely important to the city of Wheat Ridge and its future, because it provides access to downtown and the opportunity for development around the station.
- Concerned that Wheat Ridge only gets one station on the entire FasTracks system and that the proposed station location is not easily accessible for most of the city's residents.
- Keep the end of the line station at Ward Road as proposed. The area could be a significant hub in the future for mass transit into Summit County.
- There should be a circulator bus between the Ward Road station and the park-n-Ride at Ward Road and I-70.
- The more that RTD can standardize technology throughout the corridors, the better the system will be connected.
- Helping to alleviate the "addiction to oil" should be included in the Need statement.
- Putting a big surface lot at the Ward Road station would be catastrophic to TOD efforts. A multi-level parking garage would be OK.
- 400 spaces at the Ward Road station would be inadequate.
- The earlier RTD can make the decisions about parking, the easier it will be for Wheat Ridge to move ahead with its TOD plans.
- Providing shuttles from Ward Road station to the Federal Center would help to better connect Wheat Ridge to the FasTracks system.
- Since Exempla (on 38th Avenue) has 2,600 employees, a shuttle from nearby stations to the hospital could have a big affect on reducing traffic on the roads.
- Less affluent areas need stops. Make sure that disenfranchised people have good access to the system.

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- The Ward Road station is paramount to the sustainability of Wheat Ridge.

Action Items:

- Add all members who signed up for the mailing list into the database.
- Log specific comments in TrackVia.

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