



RTD FasTracks Gold Line EIS Meeting Report Station Platform and Parking Issue Focused Team Meeting FEDERAL STATION

Date of contact: August 15, 2007
Location: Wheat Ridge Senior Center

KEY MEETING TAKEAWAYS

- RTD should ensure that the option selected is one that will best promote development in the area (the best access and the most re-developable land)

IDENTIFIED ADVANTAGES OF STATION FOOTPRINT

- **Federal West Option**
 - Closer proximity to trails provides better pedestrian and bike access.
 - Favors Transit Oriented Development (TOD).
 - Better access to the trail system paralleling Clear Creek.
 - Is not located in the 100-year floodplain.
- **Federal East Option**
 - Requires less access road construction.
 - Property acquisition might be easier due to fewer land owners.
 - Could still promote redevelopment to the west of Federal.
 - Could provide access to bike/pedestrian trail.
 - There are several redevelopment parcels to the east along W. 61st Avenue .
 - The potential to integrate Clear Creek is good.

IDENTIFIED DISADVANTAGES OF STATION FOOTPRINT

- **Federal West Option**
 - Concerns that the location is disconnected.
 - Concerns that the location lacks connectivity to the east and south.
 - Is less accessible and visible from Federal Boulevard.
 - Potential impacts to wetlands.
- **Federal East Option**
 - Most of the site is located in the 100-year flood plain.
 - Potential impacts to wetlands.
 - Concerns how limiting the flood plain is



CONSIDERATIONS MOVING FORWARD

The group requested that the Gold Line Team consider the following for the station:

- RTD will continue to work with Adams County TOD planners.
- RTD must ensure that potential impacts from the floodplain are considered when constructing the station and the new bridges.
- Pedestrian and bike access are crucial. The better and more visible the pedestrian access, the more connected and community-based the station will be.
- RTD should ensure that the option selected is one that will best promote development in the area.
- Because Pecos seems to serve heavy traffic, Federal could have a pedestrian draw. The station should be planned accordingly.