



## **RTD FasTracks Gold Line EIS Meeting Report Station Platform and Parking Issue Focused Team Meeting OLDE TOWN STATION**

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

### **KEY MEETING TAKEAWAYS**

- The team preferred the Olde Town North option because of its closer proximity to the station and location higher on the hill.
- Pedestrian access (particularly handicapped access) was a big concern for both options due to the steep grade on the hill.
- The team was interested in finding ways to provide a passenger drop-off location (kiss-n-Ride) closer to the station platform.
- The team had no significant concerns about removing the other two footprint options from further consideration.

### **IDENTIFIED ADVANTAGES OF STATION FOOTPRINT**

#### **Olde Town North Option**

- Parking is closer to platform, providing better access for disabled riders.
- Helps to avoid traffic impacts to Grandview and Olde Town. (*Note from Project Team: Traffic analysis will be completed in the DEIS to confirm this.*)

#### **Olde Town South Option**

- Helps to avoid traffic impacts to Grandview and Olde Town. (*Note from Project Team: Traffic analysis will be completed in the DEIS to confirm this.*)

### **IDENTIFIED DISADVANTAGES OF STATION FOOTPRINT**

#### **Olde Town North Option**

- Bus access to this option is worse than Olde Town South.
- Current bus and vehicle access may conflict with backed-up traffic on Vance.
- May not provide optimal handicapped parking access.

#### **Olde Town South Option**

- The grade and distance between the parking lot and the platform is worse than Olde Town North.



- May not provide optimal handicapped parking access.
- Current bus access is not big enough for current bus operations.

## **CONSIDERATIONS MOVING FORWARD**

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

### **Both Options:**

- Consider putting the kiss-n-Ride drop-off either on Grandview (although there is concern about drawing traffic into Olde Town) or in the lot south of the Flour Mill.
- Consider partnering with the City of Arvada to provide handicapped parking in the lot south of the Flour Mill.
- Consider locating the bus loop at the city's lot south of the Flour Mill (although there is concern about how park-n-Ride bus riders would get from parking lot to bus access.)
- The station platform should allow for easy bike and pedestrian access to the east of Grandview.
- Work closely with the City of Arvada on the potential for building a larger structure to accommodate TOD.
- Work with the City of Arvada on the development of a parking-management plan to keep transit riders from parking in Olde Town and Olde Town visitors from parking in the park-n-Ride.

### **Olde Town North Option:**

- If the parking is a surface lot, there should be an elevator to provide access closer to the top of the hill. The elevator could then serve a structure when it's built.
- If the team determines that there aren't jurisdictional wetlands on the site, locate the lot/structure as far north and west inside the footprint as possible.

### **Olde Town South Option:**

- Consider adding bus service from the parking lot to the platform.