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Gold Line EIS Contact Report

Date of contact: September 6, 2006
Contact initiated by: GBSM
Contact method: Listening Session with Arvada's Gold Line Advisory Committee
Attendees: Liz Telford, Don Ulrich, Megan Lane and 8 attendees.
Purpose: To share project updates with the GLAC and to give the members a clearer picture of the EIS process

Meeting Summary/Key Issues

We spent approximately 90 minutes in discussion with the GLAC. Their questions focused mainly on transit technology, possible alternative alignments, the EIS schedule and railroad negotiations. The majority of the listening session was spent in Q&A.

Specific Comments:

- RTD should look at using either EMU or DMU on the proposed alignment with connecting light rail spurs that go into the neighborhoods.
- RTD and the communities need to be supportive of the railroads in their business during the FasTracks negotiations.
- What about the consideration of using the UP line past Utah Junction instead of the BNSF line?
- The Gold Line needs to extend into Golden sometime in the future and the technology selected during the EIS should take that extension into consideration.
- RTD should look into the possibility of creating an inter-changeable system that allows for both EMU and DMU.
- The public is hearing a lot of hearsay and rumor about what is and what is not planned for the Gold Line. Many are tired of generalities and are anxious for specifics. Wondering when more detailed information will become available.
- Was impressed with positive feedback from the public at the scoping meetings.
- The conversion from DMU to EMU down the road would not be easy. Take this into consideration when selecting a technology.
- As the Gold Line EIS progresses and as the alternatives are narrowed, the GLAC would like to see more intense neighborhood outreach to help disseminate accurate information.

Action Items:

- Add all members who signed up for the mailing list into the database.
- Log specific comments in TrackVia.
- Follow up with Judy to schedule a possible listening session with her neighborhood group.

Please forward all completed forms to:

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