

Gold Line Purpose and Need Statement

Purpose

The Purpose for the proposed Gold Line project is to implement fixed guideway transit service within the Gold Line study area between DUS in downtown Denver and Ward Road in Wheat Ridge.

Need

A fixed-guideway transit improvement in the Gold Line study area would meet a number of specific needs:

- The need for mobility improvements, including:
 - Improved travel times over Single Occupancy Vehicle travel time in the Gold Line study area in 2030
 - The provision of travel options
 - Improvements to the regional transit system and rail system interconnectivity
- The need to serve both traditional transit users and new transit users
- The need to provide environmental benefits to the Gold Line study area and the Denver metropolitan region
- The need to be cost effective and financed within the FasTracks Plan
- The need to meet the voter mandate of the FasTracks Plan – a 12-year plan, adopted by the voters in 2004 to implement improved transit service throughout the region