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# Draft Meeting Summary

## Gold Line Agency Working Group (AWG)

Friday, September 18, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

RTD FasTracks - Express Conference Room

1560 Broadway, Denver, CO

### Meeting Goals and Agenda

- Overview the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- Provide a recap of FEIS Public Comments

### Welcome and Introductions - Liz Telford

Liz Telford, RTD Project Manager, commenced the meeting by providing a quick summary of the FEIS Public Hearings and an overview of the FEIS Public Comments received to date.

### Agenda Review and Preliminary Items - Andy Mountain

Andy Mountain, Public Involvement consultant, then reviewed the meeting agenda and discussed preliminary items. At which time the Gold Line alignment flyover video was reviewed by the group, including discussion of various components included in the 30 percent engineering, such as stations, flyovers, the Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility (CRMF), retaining walls, freight alignment offsets, CDOT bridges, the single-track section, historic areas, runway improvements for quiet zones and potential Transit Oriented Development (TOD) options.

### FEIS Presentation - Liz Telford/ Don Ulrich

Liz Telford and Don Ulrich, consultant Project Manager, then reviewed the FEIS presentation given during the two recent FEIS Public Hearings in Arvada (9/9/09) and Denver (9/17/09), including:

- a. Project Purpose and Schedule
- b. Activity Since the DEIS
- c. Changes in Impacts Since the DEIS

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## **FEIS Comment Process and Summary of Input Received - Andy Mountain**

Andy Mountain then summarized the 28 comments submitted to-date, explaining that the majority of comments have been very supportive of the project as a whole and then discussed the common themes emerging in the content of the public comments. Several comments included a desire by many Arvada residents for accelerated implementation of the proposed quiet zones. Andy Mountain also noted that the owners of Brenan Sand and Gravel attended the Denver Public Hearing and stated concern related to acquisition and relocation of their property. He then explained that several non-EIS related comments have been submitted during the FEIS comment period, and those were mostly related to general FasTracks funding and implementation of the proposed Eagle P3 public-private partnership.

Don Ulrich then noted that written comments have not yet been submitted by various local governments, such as the City of Arvada, the City of Wheat Ridge and Adams County.

## **Next Steps - Liz Telford**

Liz Telford and Andy Mountain then provided an overview of some general public involvement activities proposed in conjunction with the anticipated Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The next steps discussed included updates to the project Web site, required timing for archiving online FEIS information, the potential for future listening sessions and special ROD edition of the Gold Line Times newsletter.

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## MEETING PARTICIPANTS

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| 1. | Dave Beckhouse | Federal Transit Administration |
| 2. | Liz Telford    | RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team   |
| 3. | Don Ulrich     | RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team   |
| 4. | Angela Brand   | RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team   |
| 5. | Andy Mountain  | RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team   |
| 6. | Miles Graham   | RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team   |