



## **RTD FASTTRACKS GOLD LINE EIS MEETING REPORT**

### ***Sheridan Station Access and Design Issue Focused Team***

**Date of meeting:** October 7, 2008  
**Location:** Scheitler Recreation Center, Denver  
5031 W 46th Ave, Denver

The purpose of this Issued Focused Team was to gather input on access and design for the Sheridan station. The agenda included the following items:

- **Station Access & Design Issue Focused Team Process:** Overview of goals and process for teams
- **Existing Conditions and Future Plans:** Present the current design influencers surrounding each station, as well as future plans for the area
- **Site Layout:** Discussion of station site plan including landscaping
- **Access Diagram:** Discussion of access routes into and out of station
- **Design Concepts:** Overview the individual elements of a transit station; overview the template methodology and design concepts; gather feedback on station design
- **Conclusion:** Wrap-up, next steps

The project team engaged participants in dialogue throughout the meeting. Below is a summary of the feedback gathered.

#### **Key Meeting Takeaways**

- Participants expressed concern about traffic congestion and pedestrian safety on 60th Avenue. They encouraged the addition of traffic calming measures on 60<sup>th</sup>, such as lower speed limits, speed bumps or a median.
- The team also expressed a concern that the sidewalk on 60<sup>th</sup> is not adequate for handling pedestrian traffic between Sheridan and Wolff. They asked RTD to evaluate sidewalk improvements in this area.
- Concern was expressed about the station's proximity to the new high school on the north side of 60<sup>th</sup> and the potential negative effects to pedestrian safety and traffic congestion.
- In general, the participants supported the project team's design recommendations.



- The group felt that the area surrounding the Sheridan station is a mix of architectural styles, but pointed out that the Neighborhood Craftsman design typology mimics the style of the nearby Simpson United Methodist Church. The group thought that this would help the station to integrate with the character of the neighborhood.
- Functionality was identified as a top priority. The group drew attention to the fact that the area can get very hot as a result of its southern exposure. Consequently, a functional canopy cover was emphasized as a key element for the station.

### **Other Access-Related Input**

- One participant mentioned that tractor trailers frequently use 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue illegally, which could aggravate traffic problems. She encouraged the enforcement of laws prohibiting tractor trailers on this road.
- Participants encouraged the use of way-finding on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue to help direct commuters to the station and reduce traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Participants mentioned that the railroad tracks at Tennyson are deteriorated and that RTD should evaluate providing better vehicular crossing at Tennyson.
- Participants encouraged RTD to coordinate with the property owner at 60<sup>th</sup> and Wolff regarding their station plans.
- One participant felt that it would be better to put the parking on the south side of the tracks in order to allow for better pedestrian access and TOD opportunities.
- The team asked that RTD ensure Wolff allows enough room for pedestrians, bike and vehicles.
- One commenter stated it would be good for the team to coordinate the location of their access drives with the city's future plans for additional roads and curbcuts on 60th Avenue.
- The group encouraged RTD to enforce handicapped parking.

### **Design-Related Input**

- The group encouraged RTD to create a friendly, inviting feel through the station design.
- The participants encouraged the design team to research the history of area and to look into incorporating the "Pollock" style into the station design.



- Some suggested that the area around Sheridan has a gritty character that may be more suitable to Industrial Loft, but most felt that the Industrial Loft canopy did not look functional.
- The possibility of incorporating solar panels at the station was mentioned to encourage sustainability.
- Some expressed concern that the retention pond could cause mosquito problems. They encouraged RTD to consider including a fountain feature or take other measures to alleviate this problem. The team responded that the pond would likely be dry most of the time.