



RTD FASTTRACKS GOLD LINE EIS MEETING REPORT *Olde Town Station Access and Design Issue Focused Team*

Date of meeting: October 14, 2008
Location: Peace Lutheran Church
5675 Field St, Arvada

The purpose of this Issued Focused Team was to gather input on access and design for the Olde Town 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 influences 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

- The participants expressed support of the proposed design concepts for the Olde Town station.
- The group emphasized the importance of having a station design that is consistent with its surroundings.
- Most participants felt that the Main Street Historic design template has a consistent look and feel for Olde Town Arvada, and there was near unanimous consensus that the Main Street canopy design would be the best fit for the station.
- The group felt that the river rock and brass materials would be a good fit for the Gold Line corridor.



- Many participants expressed safety concerns about the pedestrian crossing over the railroad tracks. They encouraged RTD to consider safety measures that would prevent pedestrians from crossing the tracks when a train is approaching.

Other Access-Related Input

- The group encouraged RTD to do all possible to prevent pedestrians from being hit by trains. Many expressed concerns that people will try to jump the pedestrian gates.
- Individuals raised several ideas for making the pedestrian crossing safer, including the possibility of building a tunnel under the tracks at Vance, or creating a bridge that flies over the tracks at Vance that leads directly to the platform. The team responded that these measures were likely cost prohibitive and would have visual impacts in the historic district
- Participants also encouraged RTD to include signal lights at the pedestrian gates to help prevent people from crossing when a train is approaching.
- One participant asked RTD to consider leaving the pedestrian gates open while trains are in the station, which would likely cut down on the number of people who try to jump the gates.
- One participant requested that RTD make parking north of platform exclusively for the disabled.

Design-Related Input

- The group complimented RTD on a good, well thought-out design.
- The group supported the Main Street Historic design template for the Olde Town Station. After looking at the model created by the Gold Line Advisory Committee (GLAC) model, there was also a general preference for a double-gabled canopy with single posts in center.
- The group encouraged RTD to consider integrating solar panels into the station design in order to make the station more sustainable.
- One participant felt that a darker, “weathered” brick would be more appropriate for the corridor, as opposed to the orange-red colored brick proposed by the project team.



- The group requested that RTD try to find out the color of original canopy that used to be in Olde Town at the old train station so that it can be replicated for the new design.
- One participant stated that the roof may need more texture on it in the form of shingles, as opposed to standing metal seam as shown in the drawing.