

Draft Meeting Summary

Gold Line Local Governments Team Fencing Meeting #3

Monday, November 10, 2008

9:00– 11:00 a.m.

Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, Dahlia Conference Room
4005 Kipling Street, Wheat Ridge

Meeting Purpose: To review fencing recommendations for the Gold Line Corridor.

Agenda:

The agenda included the following items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of Information Covered at the Second Fencing Meeting
- Review of the Fencing Methodology
- Updated Fencing Framework
 - Review of recommendations
 - Subcommittee discussion and feedback
- Next Steps

Presentation:

After providing a summary of the agenda and purpose of the meeting, Scott Epstein reviewed what was covered at the previous fencing meeting. He briefly recapped the fencing methodology and the factors considered in determining the fencing recommendations. He then overviewed the various fencing types and discussed which types are best suited to the different categories of land use. The group then discussed each section of the corridor and the corresponding fencing recommendations. The participants had the following questions/comments:

Denver Segment (Panels 1-7)

- Jennifer Hillhouse, City & County of Denver, stated that she would like for the design of the 41st Avenue station pedestrian bridge to be coordinated with design of surrounding fencing.
- Tom Hoaglund, City & County of Denver, reiterated the importance of having high-quality, aesthetically-pleasing fencing along the 38th Ave overpass, since the structure is highly visible and is considered to be a gateway into the community. He agreed with RTD's recommendation for post and cable fencing on the structure but added that he would prefer for it to be decorative post and cable fencing.

- Tom Hoaglund identified the South Platte River overpass as another area where the City & County of Denver would prefer post and cable fencing, since the structure is highly visible.
- Tom Hoaglund and Jennifer Hillhouse stated that they support the recommendation of chain link fencing for the other areas of the alignment through Denver.

Adams County Segment (Panels 7-10)

- Don Ulrich, consultant project manager, suggested that RTD evaluate whether it's necessary to include a Jersey Barrier along I-76 during, since the highway may have its own barrier. He recommended that this be evaluated during value engineering as a way to reduce costs.
- Scott Tempel, Adams County, commented that it's important for animals to be able to migrate across the corridor in the area surrounding the Federal Station.
- Scott Tempel questioned the recommendation of having two different fencing types (High Tensile Rural and High Tensile Industrial Commercial) to the east of the Federal station – one that allows for animals to pass through and another that doesn't. He also felt that it would look better visually to have the same type of fencing on both the north and south sides of the alignment.
- Liz Telford clarified that the alignment will be elevated on a retaining wall in this area and questioned whether it made sense to have fencing that allows for animal migration on top of a retaining wall. She suggested that post and cable may be more appropriate. The project team agreed to reassess their fencing recommendations in this area.

Arvada Segment (Panels 10-14)

- Kevin Nichols, City of Arvada, stated he wasn't aware that there were options besides Chain Link that could be funded by FasTracks. He said that the city needs to reevaluate what type of fencing it would like based on the cost comparisons and that he will let RTD know its preferences.
- Kevin Nichols stated that he supports the recommendation of putting post and cable on the retaining wall along Grandview but requested that RTD try to tie in some of the details of the Olde Town station design into the fencing.
- Will Kerns, Jefferson County, supported post and cable for Ridge Road, since he said it could allow people to cut through the fence across the railroad tracks. The project team reiterated that the purpose of the fence is to keep people from cutting across the tracks since it is dangerous and illegal.
- Kevin Nichols questioned whether the possibility of people cutting through or trampling the high tensile fencing could be a maintenance issue.

- Kevin Nichols asked whether RTD was considering adding a Jersey barrier by Kipling. Don Ulrich replied that it has not yet been determined but that he will get that information to the City of Arvada.

Wheat Ridge Segment (Panel 15)

- Steve Nguyen, City of Wheat Ridge, stated that they had mistakenly thought that vinyl-clad fencing could be funded by FasTracks. He stated that he will reassess the various options to determine Wheat Ridge's preferences.

Other Comments

- Several people had questions about the cost differences between the various fencing types. Don Ulrich indicated that the cost difference between and vinyl clad is approximately \$10 more per linear foot than standard chain link. The Gold Line team stated that the range of costs for fencing options would be forthcoming to the LGT.
- Kevin Nichols requested that the Gold Line team create a document that includes images of all the fencing types so that the municipalities can refer to it when reviewing the various fencing recommendations. The team agreed.
- Director David Ruchman, RTD Board, requested that RTD contact a representative from the West Corridor to discuss the insights that they gained during their fencing decision-making process.

Next Steps

- Scott Epstein stated that the team will integrate the municipalities' comments and update the fencing graphics. He also stated that the Gold Line team will create the document requested by Kevin Nichols containing the different fencing types, as well as the updated cost differentials.
- Scott Epstein said that after compiling the new information and updating the graphics, everything will be distributed to the municipalities with a request for final fencing comments.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

1. Scott Tempel Adams County
2. Kevin Nichols City of Arvada
3. Tom Hoaglund City and County of Denver
4. Jennifer Hillhouse City and County of Denver
5. Will Kerns Jefferson County
6. Steve Nguyen Wheat Ridge
7. David Ruchman RTD Board
8. Don Ulrich RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team
9. Jonathan Spencer RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team
10. Scott Epstein RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team
11. Megan Lane RTD FasTracks Gold Line Team