



RTD FASTRACKS GOLD LINE EIS MEETING REPORT

Construction and Mitigation Issue Focused Team Meeting:

Federal to Olde Town

Date of meeting: December 1, 2009
Location: Arvada Library
7525 W 57th Ave, Arvada

The purpose of this Issued Focused Team was to provide information and gather input on Gold Line construction, potential construction impacts and concerns, and related mitigation measures. This particular meeting focused on the segment of the alignment between the Federal and the Olde Town stations. The meeting goals were as follows:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities in the design/construction phase.
- Provide examples of common construction practices and explain the various phases of construction.
- Summarize the construction mitigation commitments of the Gold Line Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Gather community input on specific issues and additional mitigation considerations they would like the Eagle P3 contractor to consider when developing a Construction Mitigation Plan.

MEETING TAKEAWAYS

Mitigation Measures:

The group provided the following input related to construction mitigation:

- Night construction should be minimized as much as possible in residential areas, but it may be helpful to do construction at night in commercial areas to help avoid traffic impacts.
 - When night construction is necessary, additional noise mitigation measures should be taken.
- Concessionaire should use the rail corridor as much as possible to haul construction materials to minimize traffic impacts.
- Parking for construction workers is a concern. Construction vehicles should not be able to use customer parking in Olde Town and construction workers should not be allowed to park in sensitive areas with limited parking (e.g. Grandview).

- Because the current “North Lot” (between the Olde Town station platform and Grandview) will be acquired to build the Gold Line, the concessionaire should ensure that Tiller Lot remains available for customer parking.
- The concessionaire should maintain as much of the parking within the existing Olde Town park-n-Ride as possible or should make arrangements for replacement parking (e.g. leasing spaces at the movie theatre) during construction activities.
- The concessionaire should try to coordinate construction activities with other groups (e.g. city improvements, housing developments, etc.) in order to minimize disruptions and impacts.
- Weekends and holidays should be avoided for major construction. The contractor should also coordinate with Historic Olde Town Arvada so that construction can be avoided during special events (e.g. Harvest Festival, Farmer’s Market, etc.).
- Street sweeping should be done frequently to avoid mud on city streets.
- Around the Sheridan Station, there were concerns about construction traffic on 60th Avenue and whether it has the capacity to handle the additional vehicles.
- Around the Olde Town station, the group recommended that construction vehicles use 55th Avenue to access the site from the south, rather than coming through the narrow streets of Olde Town.
- The contractor should try to accelerate the schedule for Quiet Zones so that they are implemented as soon as possible.

Notification Preferences:

The group had the following input related to notification of construction activities:

- A project hotline and website should be updated constantly with the most current information on construction, closures, detours, etc.
- It is recommended that the contractor provide variable message signs to notify drivers and passersby in advance of construction activities.
- In addition to email blasts, monthly hard copy newsletters should be distributed to update stakeholders on planned construction activities. The newsletter should be distributed to all Olde Town businesses.
- When parking lots are closed due to construction, the contractor should provide adequate signage that directs people to where other parking is available.
- As much advance notice as possible should be provided to stakeholders regarding construction activity.