



RTD FASTRACKS GOLD LINE EIS MEETING REPORT

Construction and Mitigation Issue Focused Team Meeting:

Olde Town to Ward

Date of meeting: December 3, 2009
Location: Wheat Ridge Recreation Center
4005 Kipling, Wheat Ridge

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 Olde Town and Ward 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:

- The concessionaire should avoid having two adjacent road closures at the same time, particularly for major arterial routes. Significant road closures should be staggered to avoid traffic impacts.
- Detours at recreational trails should be avoided as much as possible, but when necessary, the contractor should try to give the public plenty of advance notice.
- The contractor must ensure the proper security of construction sites and equipment after hours. It is also important to ensure that construction sites are safe – both for workers and the public.

- Construction traffic should avoid taking 52nd Avenue to get to Ward and Tabor, as it is a narrow road. Instead, major roads should be utilized.
- Concessionaire should partner with the railroads to use the rail corridor as much as possible to haul construction materials to minimize traffic impacts.
- Construction crews should be prevented from parking in residential areas. Parking enforcement by the concessionaire will be crucial.
- Noise should be minimized to the extent that is possible.
- Care should be taken to avoid impacts to wildlife during construction.

Notification Preferences:

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

- Communication of construction activities is crucially important. The contractor should keep a website that is always up to date with the latest construction activities. Email is also a preferred method for getting the word out.
- It will be even more important to communicate with the public when things don't go as expected (e.g. delays, equipment breakdowns, etc.).
- The contractor is also encouraged to do media outreach regarding construction activities. When there are road closures, they should notify radio stations and traffic reporters.
- The contractor should have a phone hotline for the public to report construction errors and any failures to comply with construction commitments.