

QUICK FACTS

- 11.2 miles of rail transit
- Eight proposed stations
- Seven proposed parking areas
- Serves northwest Denver, unincorporated Adams County, Arvada and Wheat Ridge
- Projected EIS completion: 2008
- Projected construction completion: 2015
- Projected cost of evaluation, design and construction: \$462 million

ABOUT THE GOLD LINE

The Gold Line is a proposed 11.2-mile rail transit corridor that is anticipated to run from Denver Union Station to the vicinity of Ward Road in Wheat Ridge. As part of the voter-approved FasTracks program, the Gold Line Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will identify the best way to provide a high-quality, reliable transit service that improves travel times in the corridor, expanding access to metro-area jobs, entertainment and recreation.



GOLD LINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

In June 2006, RTD kicked off the Gold Line Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The two-year EIS will build upon recommendations from previous RTD studies to analyze and select the best rail-transit alternative for the corridor. Preliminary engineering work on the selected alternative will identify the impacts that may be caused by its implementation and recommend ways of mitigating these impacts.

GOLD LINE EIS SCHEDULE

Time	Phase	Description
Summer/Fall 2006	Scoping	Determines what alternatives and issues will be evaluated and how they will be analyzed.
Fall 2006 – Winter 2007	Preliminary Analysis of Alternatives	Removes obviously flawed alternatives from consideration.
Winter 2007	Detailed Evaluation of Remaining Alternatives	Analyzes remaining alternatives to select the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).
Winter – Fall 2007	Preliminary Engineering of Selected Alternative	Identifies impacts of the LPA and ways to mitigate them.
Fall 2007	Publish Draft EIS	Detailed report of EIS findings and recommendations. Public comment on the EIS is accepted for 45 days.
Winter 2008	Publish Final EIS	Report addresses all public comments and is submitted to Federal Transit Administration for approval to begin final design and construction.

ABOUT FASTRACKS

FasTracks is RTD’s voter-approved \$4.7 billion, 12-year program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. Scheduled for completion in 2017, FasTracks will create six new commuter rail and light rail corridors, extend three existing corridors, add 21,000 new parking spaces and expand bus service across the greater Denver metro area.