

## Visual Impacts Analysis

- RTD analyzes the visual impacts of the Gold Line – such as the project’s tracks, catenary (overhead wires), bridges, soundwalls and fencing – for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- The majority of the Gold Line corridor has minimal visual impacts:
  - Project elements are generally compatible with their surroundings.
  - Impacts are typically contained within the railroad right of way.
  - Many station areas are industrial or redeveloping.
- Some anticipated sensitivities include retaining walls, catenary poles and wires, and the project’s close proximity to some residential areas.

### Potential Mitigation Measures for Visual Impacts

Project Element	Mitigation Measure
All Urban Design Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Station Charrettes (small-scale public meetings to discuss station design)</li> <li>● Issue Focused Teams to gather public input</li> </ul>
Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Match existing bridges</li> <li>● Landscape abutments</li> </ul>
Retaining walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Compatible retaining wall design</li> <li>● Wall landscaping</li> </ul>
Catenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Architectural poles designed to match existing surroundings</li> <li>● Compatible catenary design</li> </ul>