

What is a Public Private Partnership?

- RTD plans to use a Public Private Partnership to finance, build, operate and maintain the Gold Line, the East Corridor and the Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility.
- A public entity (e.g. RTD) partners with the private sector to design, build, finance, operate and maintain an infrastructure project.
- RTD gets needed cash upfront to complete projects on or ahead of schedule.
- The private partner receives lease payments from RTD over a longer-term (e.g. 30-50 years) than RTD could typically use to pay for projects.
- RTD would retain ownership of all assets.
- RTD would retain oversight of policy items, including fares and design/operational standards.
- Payments to the private partner would be performance-based, depending on RTD-defined oversight criteria.
- This financing structure allows RTD to spread out large upfront costs and preserve cash in early years.