

**I-225 Corridor Public Meeting No. 4:**

- Wednesday, July 22, 2009 - Summit Event & Conference Center

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

- Present findings of the I-225 Light Rail Environmental Evaluation and collect public comments.
- Aerial maps of 10.5-mile corridor divided into four segments were provided for public review.
- Display boards depicted Environmental Evaluation findings, meeting materials, display boards, and Q&A summary are available on the website at [www.RTD-FasTracks.com](http://www.RTD-FasTracks.com). Click on "I-225 Corridor."
- Staff from RTD's Right-of-Way and Service Planning Divisions, the City of Aurora's Strategic Parking Study and Station Area Planning, CDOT, and representatives from the East Corridor Study were available to answer questions regarding other projects in the I-225 Corridor.

**Public Participation and Input:**

- 97 members of the public attended; 9 written and 21 verbal comments were received during Q&A.

**What we heard...**

**Traffic/Community/Safety:**

- Comments provided about safely integrating light rail into city streets, about at grade crossings, and about barriers along the light rail alignment.
- Concerns expressed about traffic impacts to neighborhoods adjacent to stations and park n' Rides along Sable, Harvard, and Blackhawk and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- RTD provided information about grade crossings at 17th Avenue, MLK and Sand Creek Parkway and how the train will be integrated with existing traffic.

**Access:**

- Council member Larry Beer addressed access and direct impacts to properties along Exposition, Sable, Ellsworth and Peoria associated right-in / right-out restrictions and permanent access changes.
- Concern expressed about accommodating large delivery truck turning radii along Exposition.
- Concern identified regarding impacts to businesses during construction and mitigation measures.

**Bike/Ped Trails:**

- Questions were raised and answered about the location and potential relocation of bike/ped trails.
- RTD responded to a question about the location of a future bike path as it relates to Toll Gate Creek and the floodplain.

**Train and Bus Operations:**

- Desire expressed for good connections and seamless transfers between bus, light rail, and commuter rail services and for convenient platform locations.
- RTD provided travel time and service frequency for light rail from Nine Mile to Peoria/Smith.
- RTD stated that bus operations will continue on Sable.

**Noise and Vibration:**

- RTD responded to questions about LIGHT RAIL horns and bells and how often will trains run?
- Mitigation for vibration impacts to adjacent businesses and sensitive equipment was addressed.

**Other Concerns/Comments:**

- Suggestion: Take a hard look at relocation of prairie dog issues – commenter stated that they are viewed as a nuisance.
- RTD responded to a question about the location of waterway crossings
- Comments favored getting the I-225 Corridor built! Complimentary of I-225 Team efforts and a job well done!

**FasTracks Program Comments:**

- Many suggest they are still a proponent of transit and will vote for tax increase.
- Questions were raised about stimulus money and bonding options.