

I-225 FasTracks Corridor
Public Meeting No. 3.5 – Oct. 23, 2008
Executive Summary



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- Thursday, October 23 – Aurora Association of Realtors

Purpose of the Meeting:

- To Present Preferred Alternative alignment and station locations which included: 10.5 mile light rail transit extension from Nine Mile Station, 8 new stations with service to the Aurora City Center, and the Anschutz / Fitzsimons Campus, with a transfer to East Corridor at Peoria/Smith station.
- Partner presentations and participation included City of Aurora's Strategic Parking Study, and Station Area Planning.
- Aerial maps of 10.5-mile corridor divided geographically four segments for public review: Nine Mile to Exposition, City Center, Ellsworth to Fitzsimons/Montview, and Fitzsimons/Montview to Peoria/Smith

Public Participation and Input:

- 24 members of the public in attendance; 2 written comments were received.

What we heard...

Preferred Alternative Alignment:

- Concern re: access and impacts to infrastructure and properties along Florida and 13th Avenue.
- Support for the City Center route to provide direct access to the mall.
- Concern that the route through City Center would be slow.
- Concern re: amount of space available for LRT along Abilene.

Stations Platform Locations:

- Concerns with station locations negatively impacting existing infrastructure.
- Overall support for retail and service businesses near or at stations.

Parking:

- Overall concern for limited number of parking spaces; suggestion for structures to be expandable and offer pre-paid spaces.
- Concern regarding impacts of parking fees for overnight and out-of-district users.
- Heather Ridge residents are concerned about the Iliff Station becoming over extended and used for long term airport parking.

Safety:

- Concern regarding pedestrian access from the mall to the bus transfer facility and planned LRT station; as well as along 13th Avenue through the crossing beneath I-225 and over Toll Gate Creek

Other Concerns:

- Property acquisition –construction phasing and timing for acquisition at north end of Peoria Corridor.
- Concern that the current cost estimate is based on incomplete/inaccurate information.
- Desire that the project be constructed as soon as possible.

FasTracks Program Comments: Presented brief overview of the FasTracks Program challenges.

- Interest in the completion of I-225 and stations within the overall FasTracks timeframe.
- Concern over accuracy of the estimated 40% cost increase.
- Interest in whether another vote to re – approve or disapprove FasTracks will occur.

Written Comment Summary: All written comments received to date are consistent with the feedback recorded at the section tables described above.