

I-225 FasTracks Corridor

Public Meeting No. 3 - Sept. 30, 2008

Executive Summary



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- Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008 - Summit Event & Conference Center

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, Station Area Planning, and Fitzsimons Multi-Modal Study along with CDOT's 17th Place I/C and I-225 Widening and information on the FasTracks East Corridor Study.
- 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:

- 101 members of the public in attendance; 30 written and verbal comments were received.

What we heard...

Preferred Alternative Alignment:

- Overall support for project and alignment.
- Access and direct impacts to properties along Exposition, Sable, Ellsworth and Peoria.
- Need better understanding of how transit will be integrated into the existing city street network.

Stations Platform Locations:

- Concerns with station locations impacting traffic and pedestrian/bicycle access at all stations.
- Desire for good connections and seamless transfers between bus and commuter rail services.
- Adequate provisions for bicycle parking or lockers at all stations.
- Additional station near Peoria and Fitzsimons Parkway intersection and on Fitzsimons campus

Parking:

- Overall concern for limited number of parking spaces; suggestion for structures to be expandable.
- Overflow parking impacts to neighborhoods adjacent to stations and businesses

Safety:

- Concerned with how safety will be maintained with the introduction of LRT.
- Enhanced safety at the light rail crossings related to bicycle trails, schools and pedestrian bridges.

Other Concerns:

- Impacts to businesses during construction and mitigation measures.
- Travel time and frequency from Nine Mile to Peoria/Smith.
- Property acquisition - how much needed and how much already acquired?

Other Comments:

- CU representative expressed appreciation for I-225 Team's cooperation on EMI issues, sited additional testing/analysis and team suggestions for possible mitigation.
- Interest in getting the I-225 Corridor built - "Let's bite the bullet and build this thing".

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

- Patrons angry to hear from RTD that ridership is up and revenue is down; believe a portion of lost revenue is due to fare evasion. Suggestions to "harden" the system to make sure everyone pays.

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