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Would the single track/ Option #4 impact service on existing corridors?	Whether or not it would be necessary to impact service on existing corridors has not been determined and may be part of future analysis if Option #4 moves forward as a recommended option.
Have we looked at the number of people served in Option #2 vs Option #4?	No, we have not yet conducted ridership analysis specific to Option #4. Due to strong lack of support from the public and regional officials, the RTD Board has eliminated Option #2 from further consideration.
Would taxpayers be penalized by PPPs - Penta 3? Example - If foreign concessionaires profit more than allowable (look at World Trade Organization's conflict resolution rules?)	No, the future agreement between RTD and the Public-Private Partnership team selected to deliver the East Corridor and Gold Line projects will define a lease payment for the life of the project. RTD will have assurances built into the agreement to protect the agency and its public infrastructure.
With Option #5 - Is it probable other funding can be identified besides sales tax?	Yes, and RTD has already been evaluating several potential revenue sources including a partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and other possible federal revenues that may become available through a new administration.
What happens to Federal funding if municipality is generating its own tax funds or additional funds? Option #5	This question is ambiguous. Staff is unsure of the intent. Please submit a clarifying question through the FasTracks Web site and a response will be provided.
What if material costs drop more than anticipated? Please communicate what happens to the public under this scenario?	RTD does a comprehensive evaluation of the whole FasTracks program every year, taking into account the current market conditions. A drop in construction materials prices will be reflected in the next estimate. The program estimates will continue to change from year to year based on the economy, which includes not only changes in materials costs but sales tax revenues as well.
What happens to additional options that the public suggests?	The options that have been suggested have been evaluated by RTD staff. Some have been screened out previously. All options and ideas shared through the public process are documented in these spreadsheets with responses on whether they are still being analyzed or why they are not viable for further consideration.
When appraising properties for eminent domain in this economic climate - the appraisal should be 2 or 3 times the value.	RTD follows the federal process for property acquisition, which includes appraisals based on the current market value and the highest and best use of a property at that time. In upholding its fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars, RTD cannot artificially inflate property values when purchasing property for transit purposes.



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If we go back for additional revenue, time is of the essence. We need more information on additional revenue sources. Option #5.	If Option #5 emerges as the best way to move forward with FasTracks, RTD will further analyze the various ways to seek out additional revenues. If a sales tax increase is pursued, RTD will do its due diligence on determining the amount of revenue needed to complete FasTracks as intended.
Reinforce details of funding to public. i.e. If money is collected and greater than what's needed (we retire bonds)? Option #5	If Option #5 emerges as the best way to move forward with FasTracks, RTD will further analyze the various ways to seek out additional revenues. If a sales tax increase is pursued, RTD will do its due diligence on determining the amount of revenue needed to complete FasTracks as intended. Language can be added to a tax initiative regarding retiring of debt and sunset provisions.
Who decides final option?	A Metro Mayors Task Force has been formed to analyze the options for FasTracks. The group includes representatives from cities in each of the FasTracks corridors, a representative of the Metro County Commissioners, and other regional officials. The group will work toward making a recommendation to the RTD Board in early 2009. The RTD Board will then make the final determination on how best to move forward with FasTracks.
How is BRT different from regular buses?	Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT for short, allows buses to operate in dedicated lanes so as not to be caught up in rush hour traffic or traffic gridlock due to accidents or lane closures.
RTD needs to be strategic about if and when to ask for additional revenue.	Thank you for your comment and participating in our process.
Option #5 should specify end date (2017).	Thank you for your comment and participating in our process.
Will FasTracks employ a lot of people to build it out? During a recession it can provide employment.	It is estimated that at the height of construction more than 10,000 people in the construction industry will be employed doing work on FasTracks in some manner.
RTD needs to emphasize that FasTracks is an economic driver.	Thank you for your comment and participating in our process.