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New Starts - Why is the West Corridor considered a new start? Is it really a "new corridor"? West is part of an existing network.	"New Starts" is the name of the Federal Transit Administration's grant program. It is anticipated that the West Corridor project have been funded in part by a grants from the New Starts program. Even though the West Corridor will be an extension of the existing light rail system, it is a part of the FasTracks program approved by the votes in 2004.
If a .4% sales tax would support \$13.7B, what sales tax would support \$7.9B? How was 3-4 cents calculated to reach that amount?	Sales taxes and other funding elements of the FasTracks program must pay for the capital construction, as well as bond repayment. Additional necessary funding will be determined based on the revised long-term cost and revenue projections for FasTracks.
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New Starts - can we go back for that funding?	RTD is currently pursuing federal funding for the West Corridor, the East Corridor and Gold Line projects. That source of funding, the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program, is a national grant program for which there is limited funding. Should RTD be successful in obtaining New Starts funding for West Corridor, the East Corridor and Gold Line projects, it is unlikely that FTA would grant additional New Starts funding to other projects.
If we get "New Start" on I225 would we have more environmental work? Would it delay the process?	Yes.
System is flawed if we don't reach Fitzsimmons. Options are premature - more research and work is needed.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.



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If Federal funding doesn't come through, do we have a Plan B?	The RTD Board have asked staff to provide an assessment of the effect on the program, if no federal funds are available. This information was made available to the RTD Board at its November meeting. Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
Single track doesn't represent what was voted on; "bait & switch"	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
Is there additional cost if we go back and build double track later?	Yes.
Transportation needs will grow and continue so this should get done now as to not compete with future needs.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
Re-vote the whole program regardless of what option is chosen.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
In a Private-Partnership (PPPs) - we must charge for parking.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
I strongly suggest BRT should be implemented in Denver.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
We need another plan (Plan B) prior to a sales tax increase.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
We need another public meeting following the November 6th Board meeting.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
Are there going to be other Federal Opportunities (other than New Start) for additional funding?	The Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program is the key source of funding for major, capital transit projects. It is possible that when Congress addresses re-authorization of the transportation bill other sources of funding may become available.



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Maximize Federal Funds but still move forward with Corridors.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
Will Federal Funding delay projects that don't currently have Federal Funding (i.e. I225 corridor)?	There should not be any negative impact to corridors without federal funding as a result of the schedule for Federal funding in other corridors.
City of Aurora (COA) staff feels that options are insufficient.	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
What interest rate was assumed in the FasTracks program?	The currently adopted financial plan generally has interest rate assumptions of between 5% and 6 %, depending on the type of debt issued. This is reasonably conservative.
Two Other Options: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) that could be converted to LRT Re vote the FasTracks Program	Thank you for your comments. All comments on the FasTracks options being considered by the RTD Board have been compiled. A summary of the comments received have been provided to the RTD board members.
How many parking spaces are at proposed Iliff Station? Will there be structured parking?	There are 600 parking spaces planned for the Iliff station for opening. No structured parking is planned.