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Look at other sources of revenues and maybe combine options.	The RTD Board is considering every feasible option for additional revenue to fund 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.
Since commodities prices are down this is an opportunity to purchase futures.	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 percentage of revenue comes from areas not received?	We're sorry - unable to understand the question as worded.
How do we get money back?	The sales tax would have to be repealed to end, but sales taxes collected in the past to build and operate the existing RTD system would not be refunded.
Can these options change over time?	Please note that the options that have been presented to-date, are concepts to serve as the starting point for discussion. After the RTD Board selects an option as an approach to addressing fiscal issues, more analyses have been conducted to identify the end of line stations for each corridor. As the current development and review of options to address costs and budgets indicates, the RTD board can change the FasTracks program in response to economic or other factors as necessary. Such changes would not be made without the opportunity for comments from the public and regional stakeholders.
What if RTD doesn't get Federal Funding for East and Gold?	The RTD Board haveasked 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.
Does existing tax have to be renewed at any point?	The 4/10 of a cent sales tax that was approved by the votes for the FasTracks program in 2004 sunsets when bonds for construction of all of the projects are paid. Some portion of the tax will be retained in perpetuity to fund the operations and maintenance of the FasTracks projects.



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Will FasTracks ever be self sufficient?	If by "self-sufficient," you mean funded entirely by fares, no. No transit agency in the United States operates without a tax-based subsidy, just as federal and state highways are subsidized by gas tax, and local roads are subsidized by property taxes.
Advantage of rail over bus is with long distances so why cut off rail corridors? Build one to full extent.	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.
Would an additional tax have a sunset? It should have a sunset.	It has not been determined whether the possible increase in taxes would have a sunset provision or not; however, it is likely that it would. 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
Would RTD be able to operate service on single track operation if second track were to be built later?	Yes.
Are there any alternatives that provide sales tax contribution from a specific area?	Not at this time.
Could a local community or business contribute money to expedite completion; or could they forward the funds for later RTD payback?	It is possible, however, it would require additional analysis and approval by the RTD Board of Director, should a proposal be made to RTD.
Would relocation of railways to the east have any impact on this corridor?	Possibly, but not likely given current freight/rail operations.
Support for Alternative 5 does not necessarily mean support of 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.
Is there a point where the freight service would benefit from RTD's double track improvements?	The double-track improvements on Northwest Rail are necessary to coordinate all-day passenger rail frequency with freight operations.
Could we do an income tax surcharge?	Any change to the RTD's taxing authority would require enabling legislation from the state legislature and approval by the voters of the RTD service area.
BRT on US36, State Highway 119 and US 287.	A BRT project in the US 36 corridor is already in the FasTracks Plan. There are currently no plans for BRT projects in the Highway 119 and US 287 corridors.



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Early procurement of materials could save substantial money.	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.
Look into joint sales tax increase with CDOT.	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.
Can RTD forecast sales tax collections by community?	No.
Would like to see analysis of cost for bus vs. rail.	A significant amount of planning was accomplished before the vote in 2004 beginning in 1997 through a combination of Major Investment Studies (MIS) and Corridor Studies. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) technology was considered in the early stages of planning and project development for all corridors in the FasTracks program. It was identified as the appropriate transit technology in only the US 36 corridor. Many of these MIS studies are available online at RTD's FasTracks website and they include detailed analysis of capital and operative costs for bus and rail alternatives.
Utilize Public-Private Partnership for corridor.	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.
1) Local community task force to garner support at the local level w/individuals and businesses. 2) Option to give money from state tax return to FasTracks. 3) Sponsorship from private corporations. 4) Longmont helps pay for its rail. 5) With Transportation costs rising and economic struggles - why don't we build something that would help the Denver Metro Community? 6) At a time when people are losing jobs, especially in construction, why can't we retrain these individuals and give them jobs and bring money back into our local community increasing the sales tax revenue etc?	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.