

**RTD FasTracks – Northwest Rail Corridor
Environmental Evaluation**



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**Northwest Rail Corridor Project Public Workshops
Scheduled for September 19, 20, and 24, 2007**

The RTD FasTracks Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation will host the following three Public Workshops to share the preliminary project recommendation for Commuter Rail vehicle technology and gather related public comment:

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Renaissance Suites @ Flatiron
500 Flatiron Blvd.
BROOMFIELD

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Highlands Masonic Center
3550 Federal Blvd.
DENVER

Monday, September 24, 2007

Celestial Seasonings
4600 Sleepytime Drive
GUNBARREL/BOUDER

Agenda for All Meetings

All three Public Workshops will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in an Open House format, so that individuals can focus on the technology issues and information most important to them. Members of the public are encouraged to drop by the workshop anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. In addition to display materials and comment stations, the workshops will include a mini-presentation, which will be conducted approximately every 30 minutes during the workshop.

Project Web site: www.rtdnorthwestrail.com

Public involvement is important to the success of the Northwest Rail project. Please help us share meeting and project information with the public.

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[About the RTD Northwest Rail Corridor](#)

The Northwest Rail project is a proposed 41-mile high-capacity fixed-guideway transit corridor between Denver Union Station (DUS) and Longmont, passing through North Denver, Adams County, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville, and Boulder. The Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation (EE) combines the environmental analysis and design work conducted previously in the rail component of the US 36 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Longmont Diagonal Rail Environmental Evaluation.

The Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation will result in an environmental assessment document that will disclose the impacts of implementing commuter rail in the corridor and recommend the mitigation measures needed if adverse impacts cannot be avoided. The evaluation must satisfy all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Currently, the RTD Northwest Rail EE is working to develop a Commuter Rail technology recommendation for the Northwest Rail corridor, which will be the focus of the September Public Workshops. In mid-October, the study will forward its recommendation to the RTD Board.

The EE is scheduled to be complete in approximately 18 months. In July 2007, RTD initiated the project and conducted the first round of public meetings for the study. A draft environmental document is scheduled to be released to the public in the spring of 2008. The final determination of the environmental document, known as a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is expected at the end of 2008. The following graphic illustrates the project schedule:

