



Southeast Rail Extension Update

Project Elements

- The Southeast Rail Extension is part of RTD's 2004 voter-approved FasTracks plan
- Extends the existing Southeast Line 2.3 miles from Lincoln Station to RidgeGate Parkway in Lone Tree
- Three new stations
 - Sky Ridge Avenue
 - Future Lone Tree City Center
 - RidgeGate Parkway



RTD Stations



RidgeGate Parkway Station

- Four-level parking structure with 1,300 parking spaces
- End-of-line station

Sky Ridge and Lone Tree City Center Stations

- Kiss-n-Ride drop-offs at Sky Ridge and the future Lone Tree City Center

Why SERE?

- To extend existing transit system from Lincoln Avenue to RidgeGate Parkway
- To provide improved regional connectivity
- To connect people in this rapidly growing part of the metro area to the rest of the region, including Denver International Airport
- To provide commuter options to alleviate I-25 congestion
- To complete the 2004 voter approved FasTracks program

Paying for SERE

Current projected SERE budget – \$233.1 million

- Through 2014, **\$34 million** invested:
 - *Environmental analysis*
 - *Preliminary engineering and design*
 - *Acquisition of eight light rail vehicles*
- The remaining **\$198.7 million** project cost will be financed through a combination of federal, private and local funds.
- FTA's New Starts Program, **\$92 million**
- Local funding match, **\$25 million** in cash and **\$15 million** in right-of-way and permits (**16.5%**)
- RTD's investment, **\$66 million (32%)**

Environmental Assessment wins FTA award

- RTD recognized by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the SERE project's Environmental Assessment
- The FTA Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Environmental Document Preparation is a biennial award that seeks to promote efficient development of useful environmental documents
- The document was announced as one of only two environmental documents nationwide selected for a 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Environmental Documentation Preparation

Celebratory Kick-off Event

RTD hosts celebratory kick-off event Nov. 3, 2015



RTD Project Manager Andy Mutz



*Lone Tree Mayor
Jim Gunning*



RTD GM Dave Genova



Project Timeline

- ✓ **2008:** Project undergoes Environmental Evaluation (EE) to verify the best alignment, station locations and potential environmental impacts
- ✓ **2010:** Final EE completed with 30% basic engineering plans
- ✓ **2011:** Environmental Assessment began to pursue federal funding opportunities
- ✓ **2012:** Project scope development and coordination with stakeholders
- ✓ **2013:** The project is accepted into the project development phase of the Federal New Starts Grant Funding Program
- ✓ **2014:** FTA signs the Finding of No Significant Impact, making project eligible to apply for federal funding
- ✓ **2015:** Project becomes part of President Obama's 2016 budget
- ✓ **2015:** RTD Board of Directors approves a \$140 million two-phased contract award to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc.(BBII) to design and build SERE
- 2016: SERE budget and funding grant expected to be signed, with Notice To Proceed 2 (NTP2) and construction scheduled in spring, 2016**