

## **Southwest Corridor Extension Public Meeting/Open House No. 1 – October 16, 2008**

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### **Meeting Date/Location**

Thursday, October 16, 2008 – Highlands Ranch Metro District, 62 Plaza Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

### **Purpose of the Meeting**

- **To present a project overview**
  - Extends Southwest light rail for 2.5 miles from Mineral Avenue to Highlands ranch
  - New end-of-line station at C-470 and Lucent Boulevard
  - 1,000 space park-n-Ride
  - Potential intermediate station at SE corner of C-470/US 85
  - Purpose and need definition – Fall 2008
  - Alternative development/Environmental Evaluation – Spring/Summer 2009
  - Final results – Fall/Winter 2009
- **Planning process**
  - No Federal funding, NEPA process not required
  - Confirm purpose and need
  - Define study area
  - Complete Environmental Evaluation
  - Identify preferred alternative
  - Complete basic engineering (30% design)
- **What is Purpose and Need?**
  - Purpose: Reason for the project
  - Need: Conditions the project must address
  - Purpose and Need establish the base from which alternatives are evaluated
- **Purpose**
  - Extend light rail transit service to Highlands Ranch
  - Travel demand is high
- **Need**
  - Address high travel demand on C and D lines
  - Address development and growth
  - Provide reliable alternative to automobile
  - Improve local and regional travel options
  - Meet 2004 voter mandate
- **Basic Engineering**
  - Plan serves as a starting point
  - Project team will finalize alignment and produce 30% design
- **Public Input/What you can impact**
  - Purpose and need
  - Alternative alignments and station location
  - Evaluation process
  - Environmental impacts
  - Mitigation measures
  - Schedule
  - Public involvement process

- Input effects over time, as project progresses, input decreases
- **Project Schedule**
  - Planning process, define purpose and need and public meeting No. 1 – Fall 2008
  - Refinement of project definition, evaluation of alternatives, public meeting No. 2 – Spring 2009
  - Results of environmental evaluation, impacts, mitigation, Public meeting no. 3 – Fall 2009
  - Final results, RTD Board approval of preferred alternative, mitigation commitments

### **Public Participation and Input**

Three members of the public attended the meeting

### **What we heard**

#### **Lucent Station:**

- The station appears to be pretty far west of Lucent and C-470. A station location closer to Lucent Boulevard allows for a shorter walk to office buildings east of Lucent.
- Lucent Station access proposed for Plaza Dr.; however it would be nice to have another access at Lucent Boulevard. A station located nearer to Lucent Boulevard better serves existing bus routes. Existing pull-out on Lucent could be used as access point to station and/or transfer point for buses.

#### **Elevation:**

- Worried about the light rail line conflicting with CDOT's proposal for a flyover at the C-470/Santa Fe interchange.

#### **Intermediate Station:**

- Asked about the timing of a decision on the inclusion of an intermediate station and if a public-private partnership could be used to finance it.

### **Materials**

- Display Boards including Overview, Process, Purpose and Need, Public Involvement and Engineering Board showing FasTracks Alignment for SW Corridor
- SW Corridor Newsletter #1
- PowerPoint Presentation, Public Meeting #1 October

### **Outreach**

- 100 newsletters distributed to RTD offices
- 100 newsletters distributed to Windcrest Senior Housing
- 50 newsletters distributed water treatment facility
- 150 newsletters distributed to Highlands Ranch Apartment Complex
- 75 newsletters delivered to Wolhurst Mobile Home Park
- 50 newsletters delivered to Wildlife Foundation
- 200 newsletters delivered to Highlands Ranch Golf Course
- 450 newsletters delivered to Lucent Technology (3 buildings)
- 50 newsletters delivered to Harley Davidson
- 50 newsletters delivered to Bowen Farms
- 50 newsletters delivered to Sports Bikes
- 150 newsletters delivered to City of Englewood

- 300 newsletters distributed door-to-door to South Park Residents
- 100 newsletters distributed door-to-door to Littleton Businesses
- 100 newsletters delivered to the City of Littleton
- 200 newsletters distributed door-to-door to Creekside townhomes
- Email newsletter and meeting notice to City of Littleton
- Email newsletter and meeting notice to CDOT representatives
- Introduction letter and newsletter mailed to all local elected officials, City of Littleton and Douglas County
- Announcement ran on the City of Littleton's web site
- Advertisements ran October 2 and October 9, 2008
  - Centennial Citizen- 11,660 circ
  - Englewood Herald- 1565 circ
  - Highlands Ranch Herald- 28,320 circ
  - Littleton Independent- 3970 circ
  - Lone Tree Voice- 5085 circ
- Project website updated with meeting information and notices