



MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT:	West Corridor Light Rail Transit
PURPOSE:	Coffee with Dennis small group meeting to discuss LRT design and construction.
DATE HELD:	October 26, 2006
LOCATION:	St. Anthony's Hospital – Auditorium B
ATTENDING:	Dennis Cole, RTD Susan Altes, RTD Margy Burton, PRACO

Stakeholder Meeting, October 26, 2006 St. Anthony's Hospital – Auditorium B

Introductions:

Norman Hughes, area resident 13th and Dudley
Arlene Arnold, area resident 13th and Sheridan
Ryntha Johnson, area resident 13th and Dudley

General Overview Presented by Dennis:

1. General introductions and overview of interests.

Question and Comment Review:

1. Where is the viaduct going to start, where is it going to end, what is going to happen to the houses?
 - a. When Sheridan begins to turn down hill, that's where the viaduct is going to start. As you move further to the south, toward the bottom of the hill, the apartments will probably be acquired. These will be acquired because CDOT will not allow us to close Sheridan down.
2. (Arlene has rental properties along this same line.) Should I renew their leases or will the properties be purchased?
 - a. You should renew their leases because property acquisition will not be started immediately. If RTD acquires property that is being rented, there are certain guidelines that require RTD to make accommodations to these renters in the form of various benefits as detailed in the Uniform Relocation and Acquisition Act.
3. Will you be building from east to west? (Norman and Ryntha own 6 properties along the track between Estes and Dudley.) What is the timeline for construction and how will noise be mitigated?
 - a. We won't know until Spring of 2007 when construction will start exactly. The bridge and storm sewer box construction will drive how overall construction will be completed. West of Carr – the earliest construction that will start there will be the



Kipling bridge probably in mid to late 2008. We try to build the bridges as soon as possible (starting with Kipling and Wadsworth bridge and then Sheridan and then 6th) which will open up the longest stretches of line that they'll then be able to build. The contractor, over the next 3-4 months, will design his final construction schedule.

4. Will you be working with the sewer and power companies on this?
 - a. Yes, we'll be working very closely with the CMGC and utility companies to keep everyone onboard to determine what lines will need to be changed.
5. We're at a narrow spot where 13th avenue is almost one lane between Carr and Estes. How will it be affected? Will there still be two-way traffic along this way? We're on the north side of the track – how will our access be affected?
 - a. Along the entire way, traffic will continue. There will not be any area where traffic will be closed. Even though that specific area is a little tight, traffic will still be allowed through the right-of-way. You will still have access the way you do now.
6. We are west of Carr on the southwest corner of Ritchie Park – how will those houses be affected? It starts at Estes and 13th on the northside.
 - a. That stretch of asphalt will stay there. From a construction standpoint, a ballast wall will probably be constructed so that we won't have to take up so much right-of-way.
7. Will the ballast wall be about 20 inches high?
 - a. It will depend upon the noise analysis – it might be more than 20 inches. The bicycle path that runs along the north side and then drops down into Ritchie Park will also come through this area.
8. In terms of the noise abatement, what will you do?
 - a. The train, at this site, will not be going very fast and it is a light rail system which significantly cuts down on the noise. We will still have to look at the noise analysis results, which again will determine the size of the walls. We try to mitigate the sound closest to the actual source.
9. When you talk about the aesthetics, what can you do to a concrete wall?
 - a. Different patterns and textures are often used. Imprints of vines, different styles of fences, etc.
10. What will you do about graffiti?
 - a. We've found that if we make an attempt to incorporate the neighborhood into the design they might take more of an interest. Plus, the city and county of Denver has done a lot of research to determine what types of sealants might be able to be used. The RTD Board of Directors has also made it a point to respond within 24 hours to all notifications of graffiti damage.
11. Are you planning to acquire any property along the area of Estes going east over to Ritchie Park at Carr?
 - a. Probably not on the northside, but depending on our conversations with the utility companies, we may need to on the southside. More than likely from Garrison to Estes will be the main focus area.
12. If you do have to acquire properties, what process is followed?
 - a. We would probably acquire it or start sending out letters in mid-spring 2007. You would receive a letter notifying you of your rights. We will then complete a title search and have an appraiser finalize figures. There will be approximately 90 properties that will be affected. Your rights are listed in the Uniform Relocation and Acquisition Act.
13. When do you think your plan will be at 65%?
 - a. 65 percent drawings are due in my office by November 6. We will take several months to review all of this very carefully. By the end of February, we will have finalized all reviews of the value engineering, etc.
14. Does that also include designs on the stations?

- a. Yes. If you look on our Web site, you'll be able to see color selections and other design work.
- 15. When will stations be final?
 - a. Stations are normally the last things to be completed. The platforms will be completed and then the stations will go up?
- 16. Are you still not planning on putting parking at Garrison?
 - a. Correct. There will not be parking at Garrison.
- 17. Where will access to the Sheridan station be on the south?
 - a. There will be a ride-in and ride-out into Sheridan on the southside.
- 18. What's the final date for opening?
 - a. Very late 2012 or very early 2013. Construction is due to end 1st quarter or beginning of 2nd quarter of 2012. For a six to eight month period after construction is done, our safety management will run cars, etc. before actually opening to the public.
- 19. The catenary towers have to run from one side of the track to the other, right?
 - a. Actually, they are normally in the middle of the track. They will be approximately 120 feet apart. These are some of the last things that will be constructed.
- 20. At the peak, what will be the time interval between trains?
 - a. Peak is a 5-minute headway. Off-peak will be a 15-minute headway.
- 21. What is the interval on the C and D line?
 - a. West Corridor will be a little faster – I think the other lines are at 7 ½ minute headways during peak?
- 22. How loud will the train be?
 - a. You'll notice the train because it will be a new noise, but it will only really add three to five decibels to the normal noise levels in your area. From your specific house, you will be approximately 35 feet from the centerline of the track.
- 23. When you're at at-grade crossings, what types of noises will be used?

We will have quad-gates with lights at all these crossings. The drivers will only use the train's horns in the case of an emergency or for notification of by-standers.

Action Items:

- 1. No action items to report.