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To the West Corridor Elected Officials and Community Members:

At the Elected Officials Briefing on August 11, we committed to bringing this issue (and others) back out to the Elected Officials and the public prior to any final decision. It seems there is some of confusion in the community so we want to clarify this.

Due to neighborhood concerns during the West Corridor EIS, it was stated in the EIS – “RTD is recommending that at quad gates, no horns or bells be used. LRT trains may sound bells as they approach stations.” And the Record of Decision stated “At-grade crossing treatments will not include audible warning devices pending approval from the Colorado Public Utilities Commission during final design.” RTD intends to stand by the statements in the EIS and the ROD.

RTD will prepare the light rail operating plan and make our application to the Public Utilities Commission. In our application, we plan to ask that no audible warning devices be used at grade crossings where quad gates are used consistent with the EIS. The PUC will review the application, accept public comment and then make a ruling on the plan. We plan to have a representative from the PUC at the September 15 Elected Officials Briefing.

In the future, if the application is approved as submitted, and there are no audible signals at the gated crossings – and after opening the West Corridor light rail, if it is determined that an unsafe situation exists we would work with the community to address that situation.

At the Elected Officials Briefing and UDC meetings in September, we will bring forth the alternatives with pros and cons for this issue as well as the Wadsworth and 6th Avenue bridges and the barriers between stations (including renderings). We look forward to discussing these important issues with you. Feel free to call Liz Rao or Dennis Cole with any questions.

Thanks!

Liz Rao