



In our continued effort to keep you informed about on-going developments with the East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), we want to make you aware of recent developments that could affect the recommendations for the East Corridor that were discussed in November 2006.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) recently concluded the 2007 Annual Program Evaluation of the FasTracks Program which found that the estimated cost of the total Program exceeds the budget established in 2004 by \$1.45 billion. In the East Corridor, the estimated cost of the current alternative exceeds the budget by \$435.1 million.

The staff and RTD Board are evaluating a number of strategies for bridging the gap between the budget and the cost estimates. One of the strategies that the RTD Board is strongly considering is recommending diesel-powered commuter rail technologies like diesel multiple units (DMU) rather than the electric-powered commuter rail (electric multiple unit [EMU]) that staff recommended last November 2006.

The Board began discussions about a possible change in commuter rail technology for the East Corridor last month and will continue to do so in several upcoming meetings. Although a decision on whether or not the East Corridor will be electric or diesel powered is not expected at these meetings, feedback from the public in these forums will likely contribute to their final decision about which technology to select for the East Corridor.

If you are interested in attending and providing input on whether you prefer the diesel or electric powered commuter rail technology for the East Corridor, the meeting schedule is:

- **Tuesday, June 12, 5 p.m. RTD FasTracks Monitoring Committee**, RTD Headquarters, 1600 Blake St., Denver, T&D meeting rooms.
  - The committee will discuss the differences between the diesel and electric technologies, and consider a resolution to FTA for advancing them forward.
  - The meeting is open to the public, but there are not opportunities to provide input.
- **Thursday, June 14, 6 p.m. FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting**, RTD Headquarters, 1600 Blake St., Denver, T&D meeting rooms.
  - The committee will discuss the differences between the diesel and electric technologies.
  - Public comment will be taken.
- **Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m., Regular RTD Board meeting**, RTD Headquarters, 1600 Blake St., Denver, T&D meeting rooms.
  - The committee will discuss the differences between the diesel and electric technologies, and consider a resolution to FTA for advancing them forward.
  - Public comment will be taken. Each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

To view the briefings the Board has received on vehicle technology and other FasTracks-related issues, visit the home page of this site, <http://www.eastcorridor.com>. If you can't or don't wish to attend the meetings, but want to provide your input on the potential change from electric to diesel commuter rail for the East Corridor, you are always offered the opportunity to provide input by phone, letters or email correspondence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the RTD Project Manager, Mike Turner at 303-299-2401, [mike.turner@rtd-denver.com](mailto:mike.turner@rtd-denver.com).

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