



WELCOME to the East Corridor FEIS Public Hearing

September 23 and 24, 2009

At tonight's meeting, we are presenting the Preferred Alternative and its potential impacts evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Verbal comments will be recorded during the public hearing and in a private hearing room. Written comments may also be submitted.

Agenda

5:30 to 6:30 pm

Open House

Please take the opportunity to learn more about the project in the exhibits throughout the room. Project team members are available at each of the following five stations to answer any questions.

- 1. Project Overview**
- 2. Preferred Alternative**
- 3. Resource and Transportation Boards**
- 4. What Happens Next?**
- 5. Document Review Area**

6:30 to 6:45 pm

Project Team Presentation

The project team will summarize the East Corridor FEIS process and provide an overview of the additional analysis conducted to address public and agency comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS).

6:45 to 8:00 pm

Formal Public Comment Session

Verbal comments will be submitted immediately following the project team presentation.

Handouts

Your meeting packet includes the following information:

- Project update
- Formal comment form

Information from tonight's meeting will be available on our website (www.eastcorridor.com) within the next two weeks on the Meeting Minutes page.

How to Stay Informed. We encourage public involvement throughout all steps of the EIS.

A few options on how to stay informed include:

- Contacting the RTD FasTracks Office at 1560 Broadway, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202, 303-299-2000
- Check out the website: www.eastcorridor.com

THANK YOU for taking the time to get involved!

What is the East Corridor FEIS?

The East Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is a document that identifies and evaluates rapid transit solutions and complies with the policies and procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended. NEPA requires federally funded projects which may have an impact on the environment to be analyzed through a rigorous environmental and community outreach process. The purpose of this project is to provide high-quality, high-capacity fixed-guideway transit that improves transportation access and mobility between downtown Denver and Denver International Airport (DIA) with connections to the rest of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) transit system.

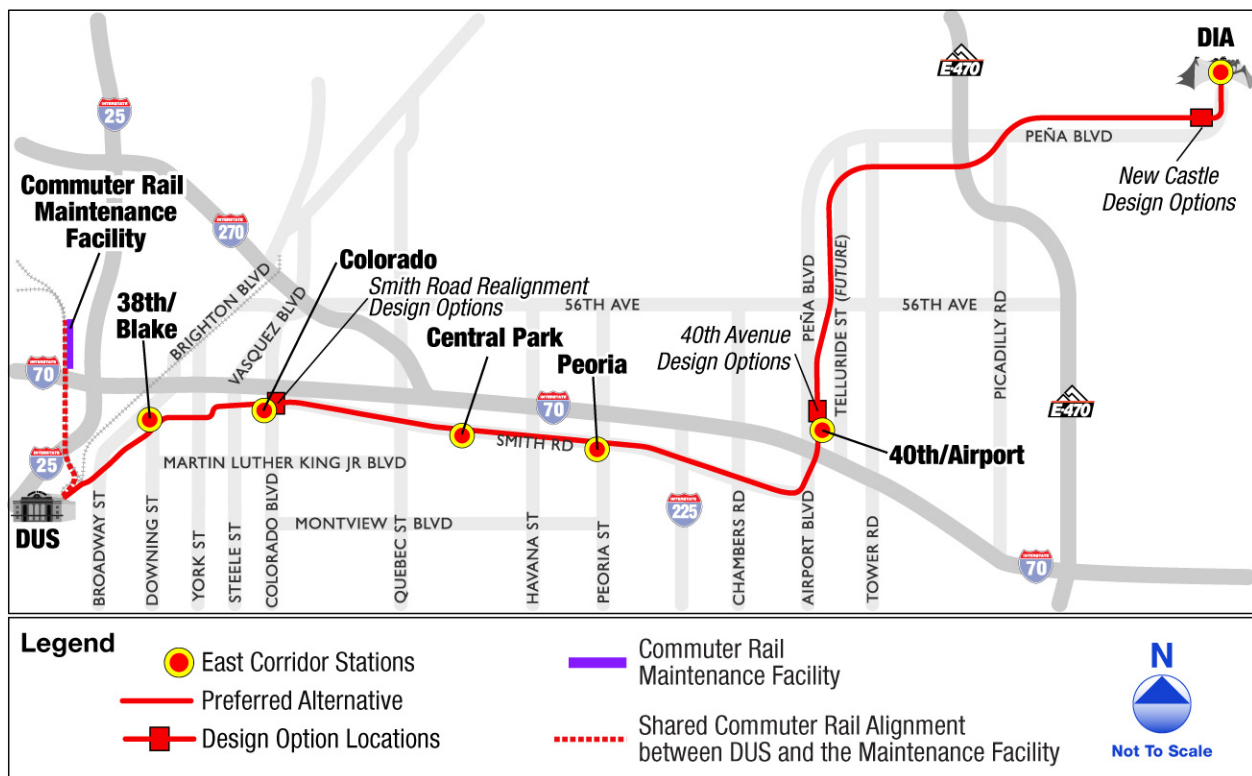
The need for the project results from:

- Limited regional connectivity
- Increased transportation demand
- Lack of reliable alternate modes of travel
- Increased travel times in the region
- Limited transportation options for underserved populations
- Completion of the FasTracks Plan regional fixed-guideway transit system

What is the Preferred Alternative?

The East Corridor FEIS proposes electric commuter rail transit linking Denver Union Station (DUS) in downtown Denver to DIA with stations at 38th/Blake, Colorado, Central Park, Peoria, and 40th/Airport. As identified in the figure below, three design options are included in the FEIS as a result of coordination with local agencies and stakeholders to address comments received on the Draft EIS (DEIS).

East Corridor Preferred Alternative



Preferred Alternative overview:

- 22.8 miles of double-track electric multiple unit (EMU) commuter rail
- 6 new stations
- 7,900 parking space (3,529 parking spaces for opening day of 2015)
- Average weekday ridership of 37,900
- 29-minute travel time from DUS to DIA
- Service between 3:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. 365 days a year
- Trains every 15 minutes from 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Capital cost of \$1.34 Billion (2015) and \$1.64 billion (2030) (in year of expenditure dollars)

What's new in the FEIS?

Several elements of the Preferred Alternative required further analysis beyond what was included in the DEIS. These elements have been refined and are now included in the FEIS. They include:

DEIS Comments and Responses – Responses to all public and agency comments received on the DEIS.

Station Design Refinements – Visual character of the stations and more information about bicycle and pedestrian access routes at the stations.

Corridor Fencing – Recommended fencing types for the corridor.

Design Options – Three design options are included at the following locations: Smith Road at Colorado; 40th Avenue near the 40th/Airport station, and New Castle Street. These options are the result of coordination with local agencies and stakeholders to address comments received on the DEIS Preferred Alternative.

Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility (CRMF) – Incorporation of the CRMF as part of the Preferred Alternative for the East Corridor.

Where to Review the FEIS

The East Corridor FEIS is available for download at www.eastcorridor.com and can also be reviewed at the following locations:

Aurora Central Public Library
14949 East Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012
303-739-6600

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
9898 East Colfax Avenue
Aurora, CO 80010
303-739-1940

Rangeview Library District
7185 Monaco Street
Commerce City, CO 80022
303-287-0063

Valdez-Perry Library
4690 Vine Street
Denver, CO 80216
303-295-4302

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library
2401 Welton Street
Denver CO, 80205
720-865-2401

Montbello Library
12955 Albrook Drive
Denver, CO 80239
720-865-0200

RTD - FasTracks
1560 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202
303-299-2000

Ford-Warren Library
2825 High Street
Denver, CO 80205
720-865-0920

Denver Public Library
10 West 14th Avenue Parkway
Denver, CO 80204
720-865-1111

Pauline Robinson Library
5575 East 33rd Avenue
Denver, CO 80207
303-370-1530

Smiley Library
4501 West 46th Avenue
Denver, CO 80212
303-477-3622

How to Submit Comments on the FEIS after Tonight's Hearing

The FEIS was released for public review on September 4 for a 30-day comment period that will end on October 7. If you miss the opportunity to provide your comments at tonight's hearing, you can still provide your comments online at www.eastcorridor.com or by mail to the following address:

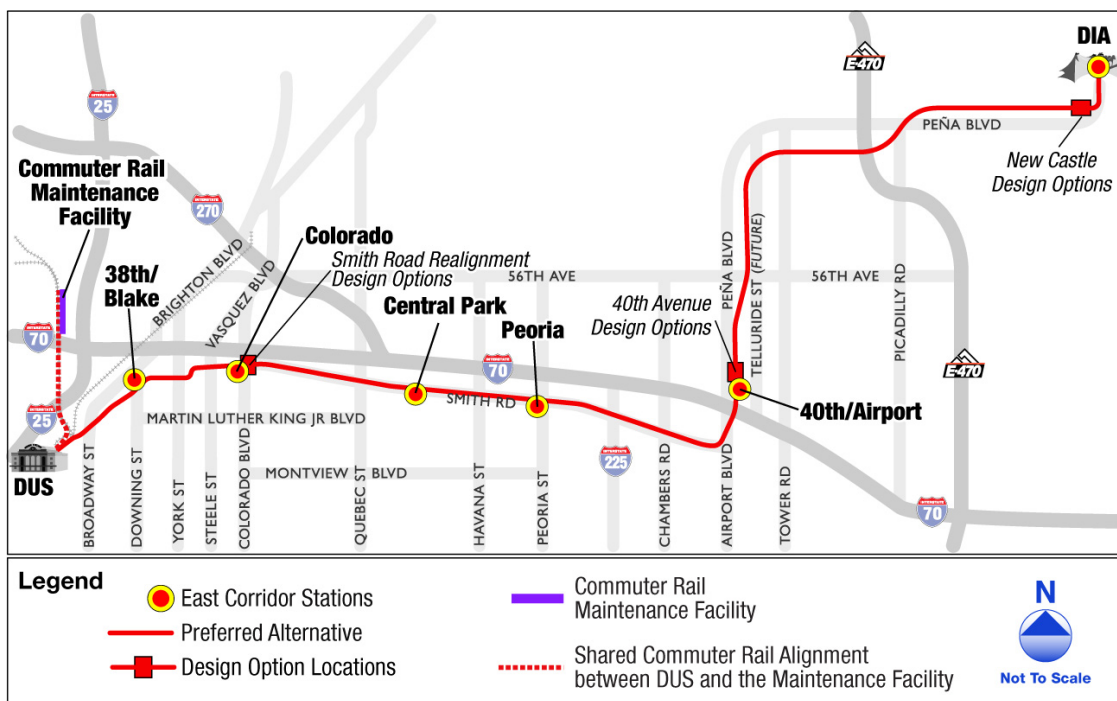
Dave Beckhouse
Federal Transit Administration, c/o PBS&J
4601 DTC Boulevard, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80237
Attn: East Corridor FEIS

Next Steps

After the close of the FEIS comment period, RTD will submit the project (along with all responses to the FEIS comments) to FTA for approval to move into final design and construction. FTA issues its decision in the form of a record of decision (ROD), which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009. Once the ROD is complete, the property acquisition process can begin and a concessionaire contract for design, construction, and operation of the corridor can be completed.

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East Corridor Preferred Alternative



Your comments on the Preferred Alternative and the FEIS are an important aid in making the best decisions for expanding transit in Denver. Comments can be submitted by mail, at the public hearings, and online at www.eastcorridor.com. The 30-day comment period will be open from September 4 through October 7, 2009.

Mail comments to:

Dave Beckhouse
Federal Transit Administration, Region 8
c/o PBS&J
4601 DTC Boulevard, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80237

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - CONSIDERATIONS/CONFIDENTIALITY

Public involvement is an essential part of transportation decision-making. We encourage your active participation throughout the process. Because this is a public process, we wish to make you aware that public comments, including names and street addresses, are part of the public record. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public inspection or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of any written comment you make. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

