

Project Overview

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) propose electric commuter rail transit from downtown Denver to Denver International Airport (DIA). The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 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 DIA with connections to the rest of the 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