



City of Arvada  
ARVADA GOLD LINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 22, 2007  
6:00 – 7:30  
Council Conference Room

Members Present

Georg Ek  
John Malito – City Council Member  
Mike Maus  
Robert Revis  
Jane Schnabel  
Bill Swink  
Greg Thomason  
Bob Wilson

Staff Present

Edward Stafford

Guest Present

Chris Quinn – RTD  
Jim Ryan – Community Member

I. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed guests Chris Quinn from RTD and Jim Ryan. Councilmember Urban sent his regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting.

II. Northwest Rail Project Update

Chris Quinn, RTD Project Manager for the Northwest Rail project, made a presentation to the committee about the status of the current study for the US-36 transit rail. The study originally started with the US 36 EIS, which was studying both highway and transit improvements. The rail improvements have been removed from the US 36 EIS, and combined with the Environmental Assessment that was being conducted on the rail extension to Longmont. Mr. Quinn reported that the following were outstanding issues still being studied:

- Railroad Indemnification
- Service Plan for the continued freight operations. The corridor will add one additional track, but there will be mixed operations for transit and freight.
- Technology – Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) vs. Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU). The DMU had a lower initial capital cost, while the EMU had lower air quality impacts along the corridor. The community has expressed concern with the visual impact of the EMU.

- Final station locations, especially for the stations at Gunbarel (between Boulder and Longmont) and the W. 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Sheridan station in Westminster.

III. Denver Union Station Project Update

Bob Wilson gave the committee and update on the Union Station project.

IV. RTD City Council Presentation

RTD is scheduled to present an update on the Gold Line EIS to the City Council on March 5, 2007 at 5:30. The meeting is open to the public and committee members were invited to attend.

V. Gold Line Update

The RTD EIS study for the Gold Line is still on-going. The number of alternatives has been reduced to four, including two routes for light rail, one alignment for EMU and one alignment for street car. It is expected that the number of alternatives will be further reduced in March.

VI. Other Items

Staff provided an update on the grade separation project. The detour road for the Wadsworth Bypass is expected to be completed and open to traffic in April. When the detour road opens Grandview Avenue on the east will be closed at the Wadsworth Bypass.

The committee asked about which member's terms were expiring this year. Bob Revis indicated that because of work issues he had opted to not be re-appointed.

The Committee discussed council expectations for the GLAC. Councilmember Malito indicated that the council expectations were for the committee to keep informed about the Gold Line, attend public meetings about the corridor and to encourage others to attend public meetings.

The committee discussed future meeting topics, and expressed interest in presentations on the North Corridor or the East Corridor. Bob Wilson volunteered to coordinate a speaker for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Council Conference Room.