



City of Arvada  
ARVADA GOLD LINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
November 29, 2007  
6:00 – 8:00  
Council Conference Room

Members Present

Kip Davis  
Bernard Kionka  
Mark McGoff – City Council Member and Co-Liaison  
Mike Maus  
Anthony McEahern  
Mark Schaefer  
Jane Schnabel  
Bob Wilson

Members Absent

Adam Browning (Chair notified)  
Georg Ek (Chair notified)  
Stephan Hannan  
Bill Swink  
Greg Thomason

Staff Present

Patty Lorence – City Traffic Engineer  
Edward Stafford – Transportation Engineer

Guests Present

Joe Racosky – URS FasTracks North Metro Project Team  
Larry Schultz – Wheat Ridge Treasurer  
Rachel Zensinger – Arvada resident and Gold Line supporter

I. Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves and stated their interest in the Gold Line

II. Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were provided by E. Stafford and approved by the committee.

III. North Metro Rail Presentation

Joe Racosky presented an informative 15-minute on the North Metro Corridor that will use diesel commuter rail technology (DMUs). Mr. Racosky discussed the route of the North metro line, issues his team and RTD are facing, and compared and contrasted DMU technology with EMU technology.

#### IV. Guidance and Direction from City Council

Councilman Mark McGoff suggested that GLAC provide the Council with issues and options for their consideration as opposed to giving general direction. An informative roundtable question and answer session continued with Councilman McGoff. Mark feels the economic and transportation needs analyses have been done and he would like to see more bottom up work.

#### V. Gold Line DEIS Update

Patty Lorence, a City representative to the Gold Line Local Government Team provided an update. The DEIS is due to be released in late February or early March 2008.

#### VI. Future Direction of GLAC

Jane Schnabel attended a HOTA merchant meeting on November 13 with Liz Telford and Don Ulrich, members of the RTD Gold Line Team. HOTA members asked: where will the Olde Town station be; where will parking be; two members were very unhappy about what they learned at the Nov 13 meeting. In Jane's opinion, people went away with the wrong impression of the entire Gold Line project. Jane feels that the GLAC needs to get out there and talk with people in Olde Town. Perhaps charrettes would help and provide an opportunity to communicate.

Vice-Chair Bernie Kionka distributed photos of the original Olde Town train station and suggested that the new station replicate some features of its architecture. Possibly the new station should be enclosed. The Committee thought Bernie should go to a Council study session and present the historic photos. Patty Lorence will see if this is the proper procedure and, if so, find a date for Bernie to go to a study session in January.

GLAC decided to meet monthly for 2008 on the fourth Thursday of each month starting on January 24, 2008. Members would like DEIS update from staff in January or February 2008

#### VII. Gold Line Open Discussion

Chair B. Wilson felt that GLAC should review and comment on the Gold Line DEIS. Given the large scope of the DEIS document, he recommended GLAC members pick a topic to review and share their findings and recommendations with fellow GLAC members. He asked what areas members and guests would like to review:

- Bob – will work on renewable energy for transit and the design of catenary (electrical) poles should blend with Olde Town design guidelines.
- Mark McGoff – the visual elements are important and we need to consider the catenary system not just in Olde Town but throughout Arvada residential areas.
- Mark Schaeffer said RTD and Denver did something nice at Louisiana-Pearl Station (part of TREX), as did Greenwood Village at a second TREX station. GLAC may want to take a field trip to these stations.

- Larry Schulz said Wheat Ridge may go to its voters in 2008 to raise heights of buildings and density around their Ward Road (Gold Line) Station. Present building heights are set in the WR Charter
- Members suggested a presentation team, GLAC put together packets for businesses, and a team for station names and design suggestions.
- Naming policy has been discussed by Council – how does it work and is there a price for having a sponsor’s name associated with a station?
- Tony McEahern would like to know what is undecided, such as station names, location of parking, and noise and vibration issues.
- Bernie is very interested in the design of the Old Town Station (as discussed above).
- Jane feels a few businesses or property owners are very distressed. She is concerned with parking issues.
- Guest Rachel Zensinger is interested in the need for a business connection, station names, and agrees with the points raised by Tony.
- Larry will be working on the Wheat Ridge design for the Ward Road Station and his city’s urban planning “overlay” and zoning process.
- Kip Davis is interested in serving on the presentation team, preparing packets for businesses, and station names.
- Mark Schaefer feels the visuals for the stations are not well defined, in particular, the catenary system.

VIII. Denver Union Station Update

Mark Schaeffer and Bob Wilson (member of USAC) presented a very brief update on the current plans for Denver Union Station (DUS) at the end of the meeting. From the northwest door of DUS, Tracks 12 will serve the East Corridor (DIA) and North Metro lines. Tracks 4 and 5 will serve Amtrak, the Ski Train, and future intercity rail service. Commuter rail cars serving the Gold Line and Northwest Rail (Boulder and Longmont) will share DUS Tracks 7 and 8. Tracks 3 and 6 are for emergency service and future use.

IX. Other Items

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 to 8:00 PM on January 24, 2008 at Arvada City Hall.

**Action Items**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Time Frame/ Due Date</b>
Draft meeting minutes	Patty and Bob	1/1/08
City Staff will make electronic (CD ROMs) copies of the DEIS and let GLAC members know of availability.	Edward or others	When DEIS is published + a few days
Bob will contact absent members to determine their subject matter interest(s).		1/5/08