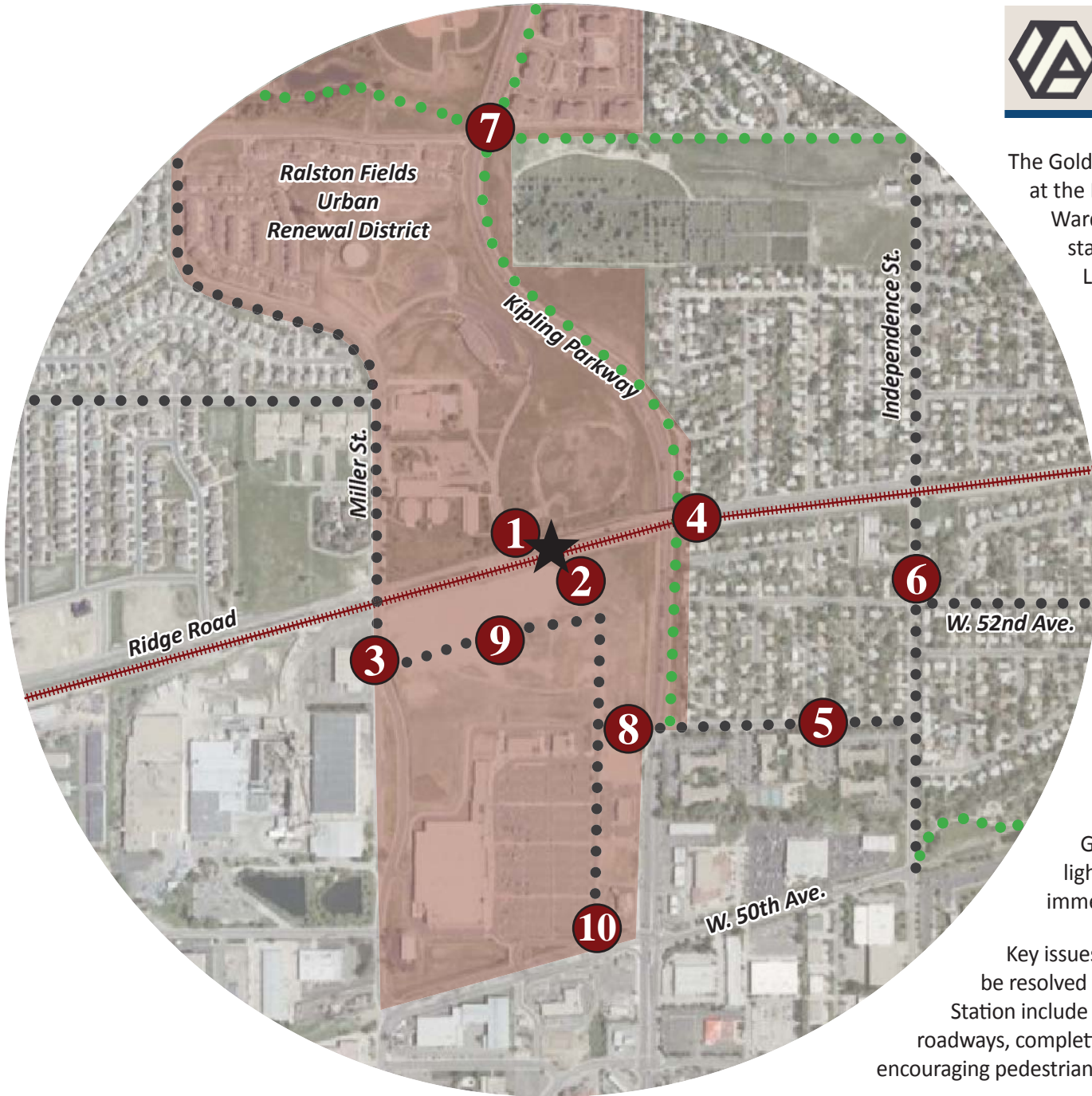


ARVADA RIDGE Station Access Plan



The Gold Line of the RTD FasTracks system will begin at the Denver Union Terminal and extend west to Ward Road in Wheat Ridge, with the westernmost station within Arvada city limits located between Lee Street and Kipling Parkway along Ridge Road. Known as the Arvada Ridge Station, this TOD site is envisioned to be a high-density, employment-based urban center with mixed-income and affordable housing.

The site is within the Ralston Fields Urban Renewal Area – a larger district extending north and east to the intersection of Garrison Street and Ralston Road. The urban renewal plan targets the area for future mixed-use redevelopment with a grid of pedestrian-oriented streets and enhanced multimodal connectivity.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) operates a freight line track along the northern edge of the Arvada Ridge TOD site, providing service to the Coors brewery in Golden. RTD is planning to construct the Gold Line through this area as a double-track light rail transit line running parallel to and immediately north of the BNSF track.

Key issues within the half-mile study area that need to be resolved to further bike/ped access to the Arvada Ridge Station include safely crossing the railroad tracks and major roadways, completing gaps in the citywide bicycle system, and encouraging pedestrian supportive TOD infill development patterns.

STATION DESIGN:

1 Crossing the Tracks

RTD is providing a pedestrian bridge with elevators over the tracks near the terminus of Lee Street

2 Bicycle Parking

Recommend providing bike parking on both sides of tracks for use if accessing station from either direction

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS:

7 Van Bibber Creek Trail

Relocate and extend existing multiuse path through Stenger and Lutz sites and across the northern edge of cemetery

Cross Kipling Parkway via a new trail underpass

MISSING LINKS IN BICYCLE NETWORK:

3 Miller Street

Continue bike lanes south of railroad tracks

4 Ridge Road

Interim: share-the-road and narrow bridge warning signage

provide continuous sidewalk on the north side of street

Long-term: add bike lanes/paved shoulders

5 W. 52nd Avenue

Add shared-roadway “sharrow” markings

6 Independence Street

Designate bicycle lanes

ARVADA RIDGE MARKETPLACE:

8 W. 51st Street Entrance

Narrow vehicular lanes to create space for on-street bicycle lanes

9 Entrance off of Miller

Coordinate with development plans to make a direct non-motorized connection between the future east-west street and the RTD station plaza

10 Internal TOD Street

Retrofit parking lot drive aisle into a pedestrian-friendly streetscape

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