



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## RTD FasTracks North Metro Corridor team hosts meetings to discuss Draft EIS Status and Union Pacific Railroad Negotiations

### Wednesday, March 19, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Conference Center  
1500 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Thornton, CO 80241

(Corner of 128<sup>th</sup> and Claude Court in Adams 12  
Administration Building)

### Thursday, March 20, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bruce Randolph Middle School  
3955 Steele St.

Denver, CO 80205

The North Metro Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) document, which was originally scheduled to be released this month, has been delayed because of recent developments in negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad. The North Metro Corridor team will discuss how the negotiations affect the southern portion of the corridor and the project's schedule at the two upcoming public meetings. In addition, the team will share noise and traffic analysis results, as well as station and "cross-country" options.

RTD has been negotiating with both Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and BNSF Railway about properties needed for the North Metro line and other FasTracks corridors. As part of RTD's system-wide FasTracks negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad, the UP recently presented RTD with a package of properties, including southern portions of the North Metro alignment, that was unaffordable. RTD is still negotiating with the UP and anticipates reaching an agreement to purchase several UP properties for FasTracks -- including the northern section of the North Metro line.

To keep the North Metro Corridor Environmental Impact Statement progressing and on schedule to open in 2015, the team is revisiting alternatives in the south, from Denver Union Station to 54th Avenue. The additional evaluation will occur this spring and summer, with the Draft EIS scheduled to be released by the end of 2008. We will continue to work closely with our stakeholders on this effort as we have done in the past.

Our team will have a revised schedule and additional information to share with you at the following meetings, and will discuss the alternative refinements.

### PROJECT LOCATION and DESCRIPTION

The North Metro Corridor is a proposed 18-mile rail transit corridor between Denver Union Station and 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, passing through Denver, Commerce City, Thornton, Northglenn and unincorporated Adams County. As part of the voter-approved FasTracks program, the North Metro Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will identify the best way to provide a high-quality, reliable, high-capacity, fixed-guideway transit service for the area while improving travel times and enhancing access to jobs, recreation and entertainment.

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