



US 36 and Northwest Rail overview

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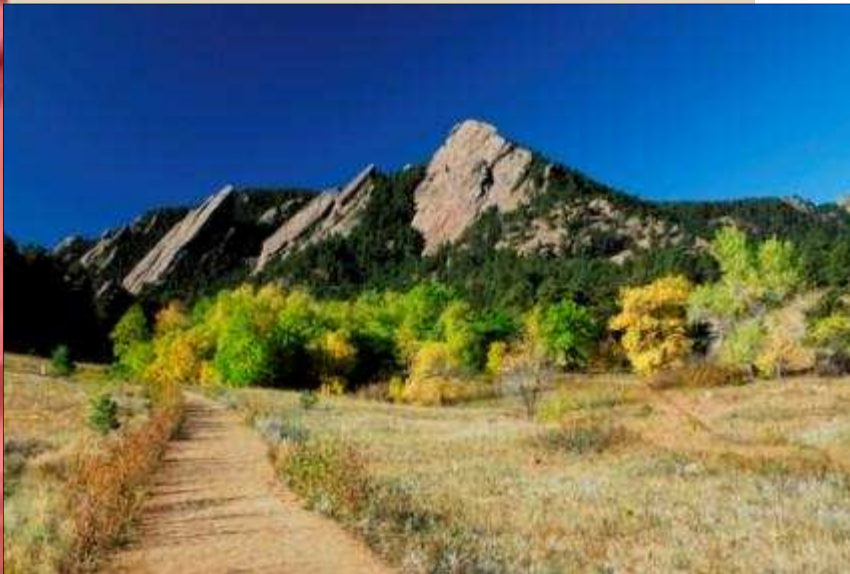
Tonight's Agenda

- Northwest Rail Corridor update
- US 36 Corridor update
- US 36 Phase I project
- Queue Jumps
- Table Mesa Pedestrian Bridge

Northwest Rail Corridor

- 41 miles diesel commuter rail
- Connects downtown Denver, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville, Boulder and Longmont

Northwest Rail Corridor



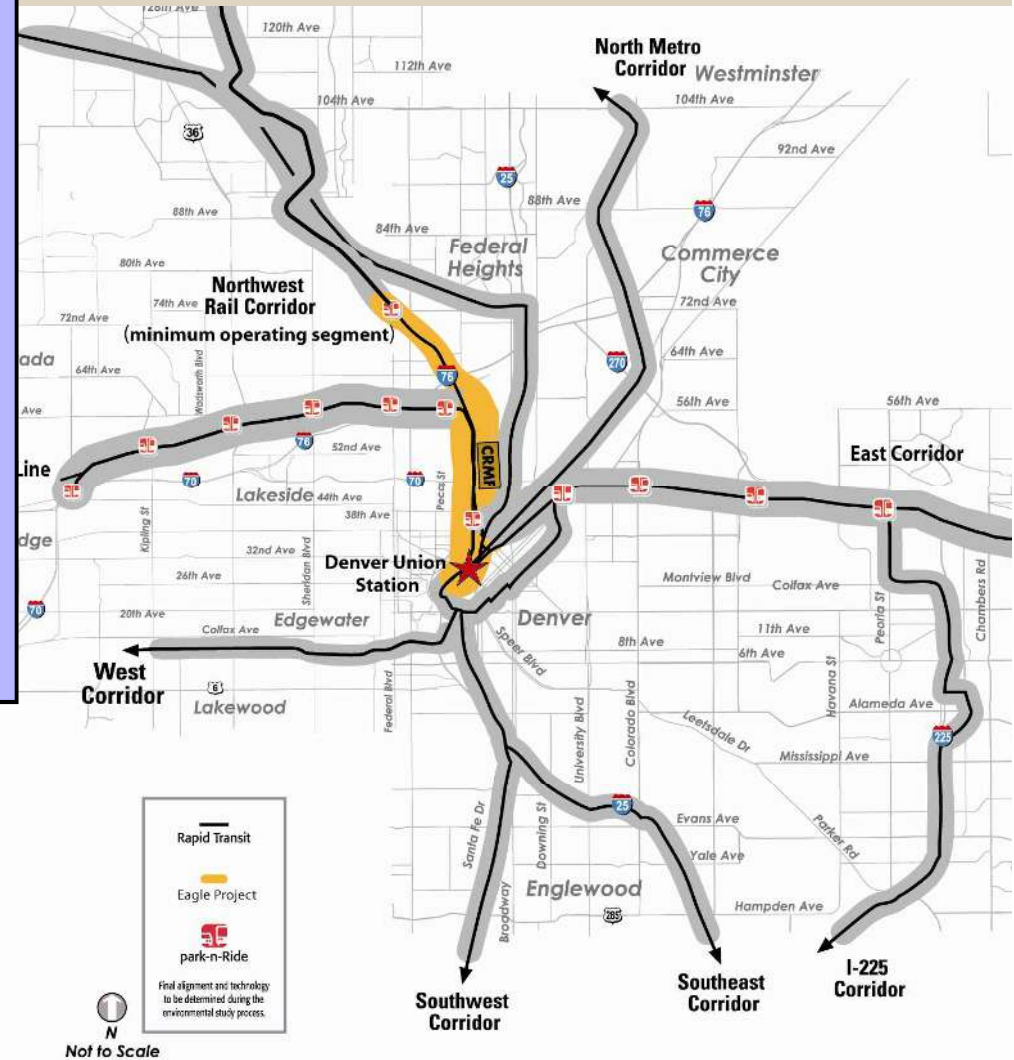
Northwest Rail Update

- Final Environmental Evaluation was completed and adopted by the RTD Board in May 2010
 - Allows the project to move forward with design, construction and operation as funding becomes available
- \$17 million of the \$305 million short-term funds will go to completion of the Longmont Station
- First segment, from Denver Union Station to South Westminster, of Northwest Rail will be built as part of the Eagle P3 project

Northwest Rail Segment 1 to South Westminster

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Rapid Transit

- 5.8 miles commuter rail – EMU (1.8 miles beyond shared Gold Line segment)
- Connects downtown Denver with South Westminster
- Complete Spring 2016



U.S. 36 Corridor

- 18 miles Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service
- Connects downtown Denver to Boulder
- Joint project with CDOT



US 36 BRT Corridor

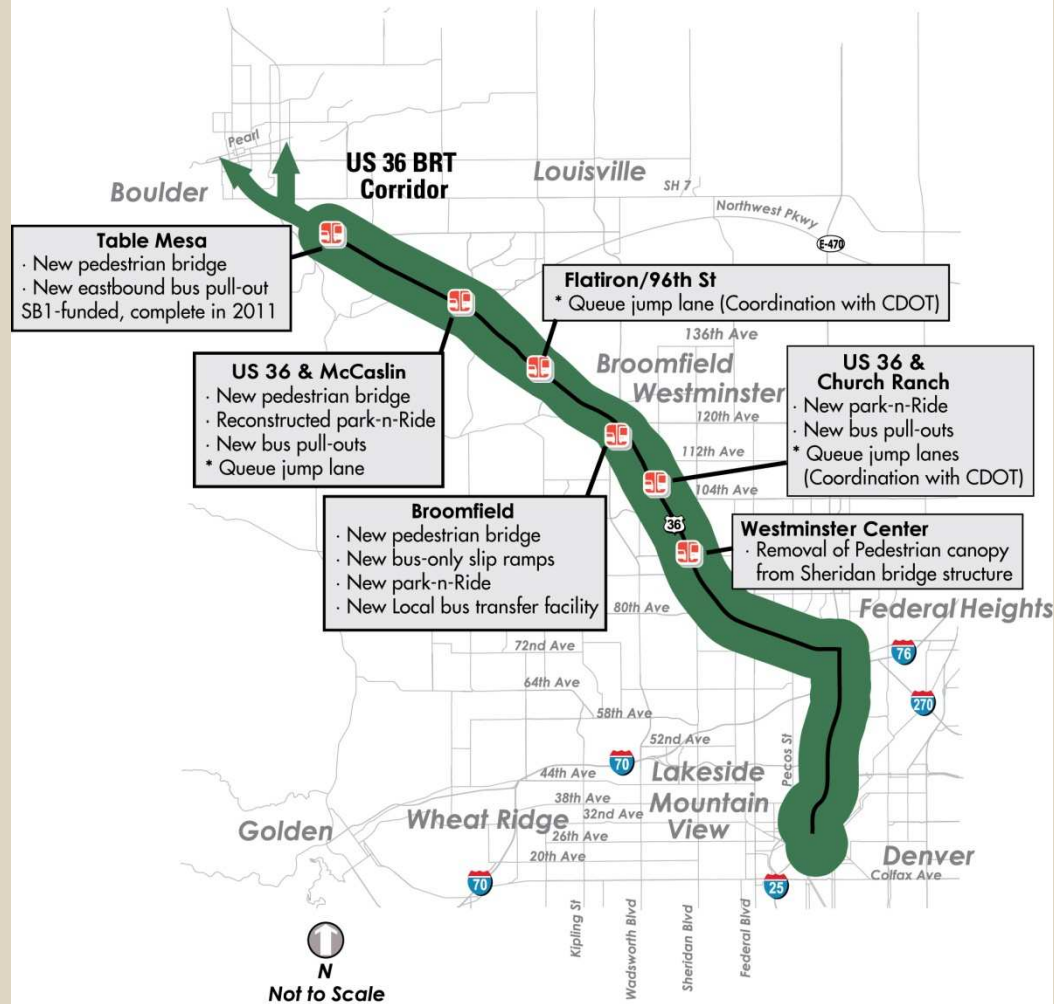


Status of US 36 BRT Corridor

- Received Record of Decision in December 2009
- \$120 million being committed by RTD to US 36 project to help build the managed lanes to Interlocken
 - Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan application was submitted by CDOT in February

US 36 Phase I and Queue Jumps

U.S. 36 BRT Phase 1 Improvements



*Queue jump lanes proposed for 2011, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (coordination with CDOT; ramp metering bypass lanes at Church Ranch and 96th will be affected by new managed lane project)

US 36 Phase 1 BRT Improvements

- Phase I Transit Improvements began in 2005
- Included work at:
 - US 36 & McCaslin park-n-Ride
 - Church Ranch park-n-Ride
 - US 36 & Broomfield park-n-Ride
- Completed in May 2010 – with opening of US36 & Broomfield park-n-Ride
- Combined improvements shave 15 minutes each way for Denver-Boulder bus commuters



Photo Courtesy of Parsons



U.S. 36 Queue Jumps/Signals

- \$7.5 million in ARRA funds
- Construction anticipated to begin in July for McCaslin and Church Ranch
- Working with CDOT on final design details
 - Some design and construction may be affected slightly depending on outcome of grants
- Doing a traffic study to confirm the impacts to the ramps
- Queue jumps are being built at two intersections along the corridor
 - US 36 & Church Ranch
 - Coordination with CDOT's managed lane project required
 - US 36 & McCaslin
- At Westminster Center, removal of canopy on Sheridan Bridge will begin in May
- RTD and CDOT are coordinating on the Flatiron/96th Street intersection

Table Mesa Pedestrian Bridge

- Pedestrian Bridge is funded by the SB-1 funding, outside of FasTracks funding
- Construction anticipated to begin in May
- Scheduled completion in late 2010



Questions?