

US 36 Mayors and Commissioners Coalition Update

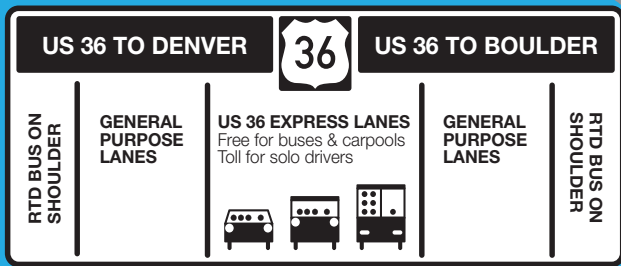
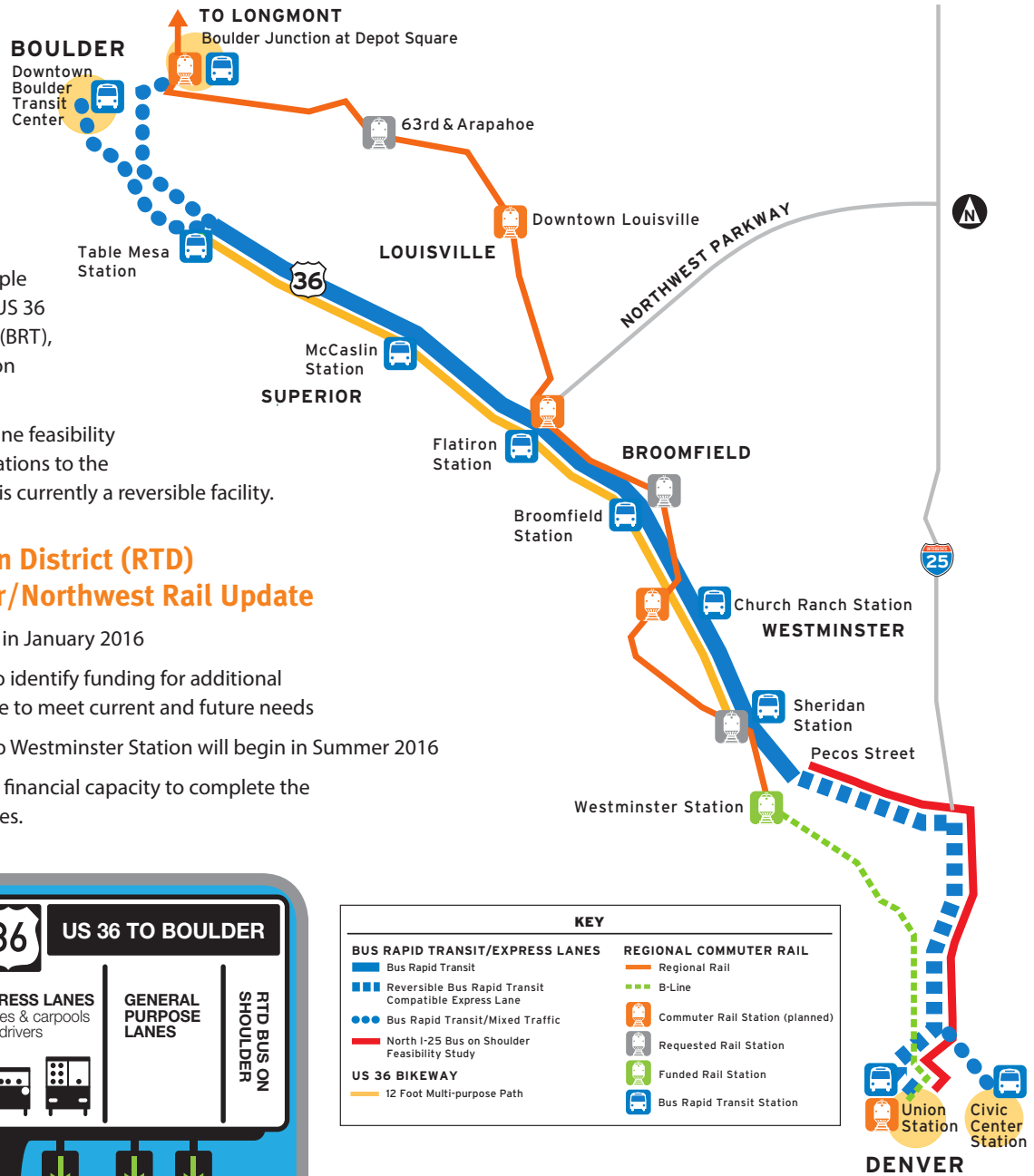
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US 36 Express Lanes Project

- Completed in Spring 2016
- \$497 million Public Private Partnership of CDOT, RTD, DRCOG, Plenary Roads Denver and local governments
- Prioritizes the movement of people by travel options, including the US 36 Express Lanes, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), US 36 Bikeway and Transportation Demand Management
- CDOT funded a study to determine feasibility of adding Bus on Shoulder operations to the North I-25 Express Lanes, which is currently a reversible facility.

Regional Transportation District (RTD) FasTracks Flatiron Flyer/Northwest Rail Update

- Flatiron Flyer BRT Service began in January 2016
- The US 36 Coalition is working to identify funding for additional Flatiron Flyer vehicles and service to meet current and future needs
- Northwest Rail service (B Line) to Westminster Station will begin in Summer 2016
- RTD does not currently have the financial capacity to complete the Northwest Rail for several decades.



KEY	
BUS RAPID TRANSIT/EXPRESS LANES	REGIONAL COMMUTER RAIL
Bus Rapid Transit	Regional Rail
Reversible Bus Rapid Transit Compatible Express Lane	B-Line
Bus Rapid Transit/Mixed Traffic	Commuter Rail Station (planned)
North I-25 Bus on Shoulder Feasibility Study	Requested Rail Station
US 36 BIKEWAY	Funded Rail Station
12 Foot Multi-purpose Path	Bus Rapid Transit Station

All US 36 users benefit from improvements with more consistent speeds that are 20-29 percent faster during commute hours (comparing pre-construction to current).

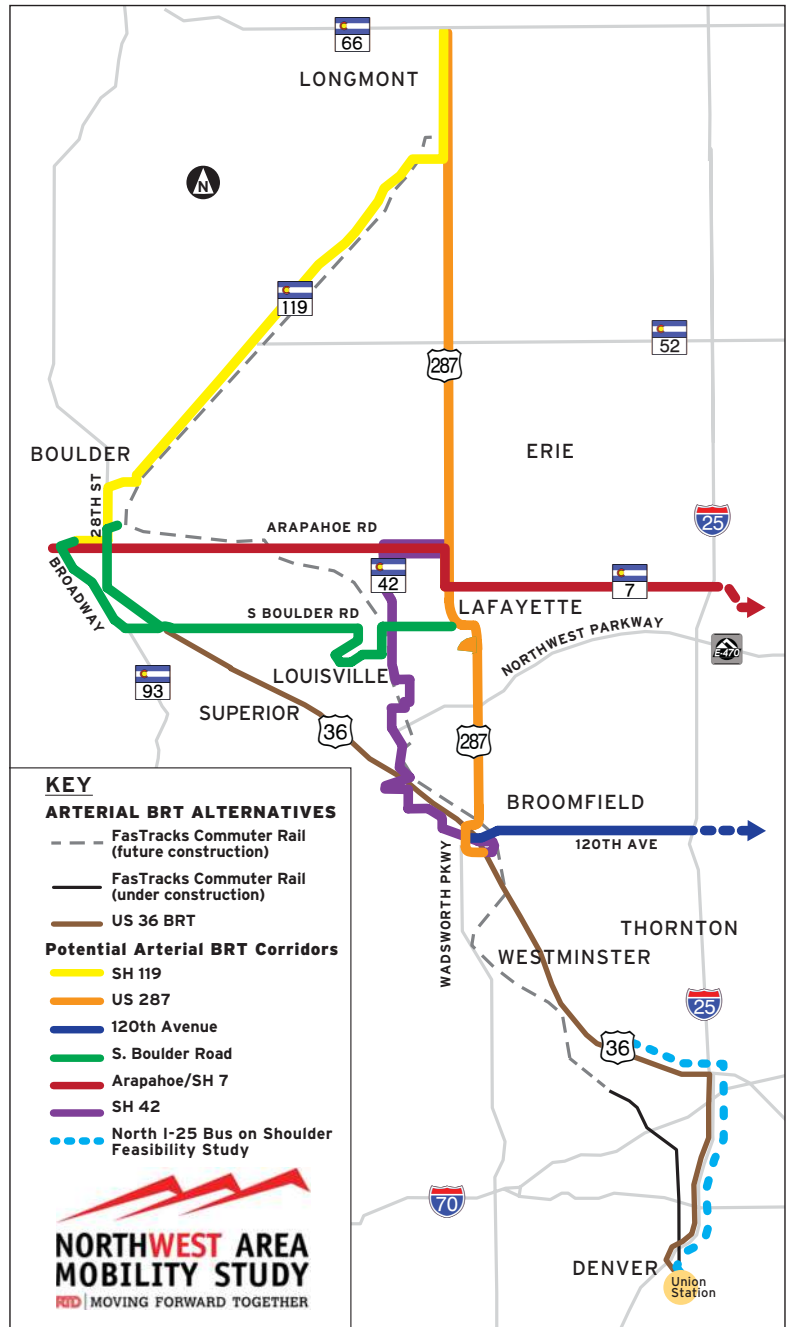
Project provided 7,234 short-term jobs and \$125 billion in long-term benefits.

Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS)

- Study completed by RTD in 2014
- Prioritized mobility improvements for the Northwest Denver/ Boulder region
- Local governments achieved consensus on projects and the RTD Board endorsed them
- Projects would create an integrated mobility system for the Northwest region:
 - Complete remaining elements of US 36 BRT
 - Construct I-25 Bi-Directional Managed Lanes between US 36 and downtown Denver
 - Create arterial BRT corridors for SH 119, SH 7, US 287, South Boulder Road, 120th Avenue, and add enhanced transit service on SH 42 and 28th Street/Broadway
 - Implement railroad quiet zones along Northwest Rail alignment
 - Complete Northwest Rail
- These priorities require additional federal, state and local funding.

The US 36 Coalition is requesting continued federal support as follows:

- Fully fund the FTA Capital Investment Grants Program in the FY 2017 Transportation Appropriations Bill;
- Support grant opportunities under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program to purchase Flatiron Flyer vehicles;
- Support Small Starts Grant (2018/19) and funding for studies and capital improvements to implement arterial BRT/enhanced bus service along six essential corridors;
- Support grant opportunities to implement recommendations of the US 36 First and Final Mile Study, including Bike-n-Ride shelters, wayfinding, and transit pass programs;
- Support future TIGER grant for North I-25 Bus on Shoulder implementation;
- Streamline train horn rules and quiet zone implementation through the review of FRA's locomotive train horn regulations;
- Incentivize/encourage the railroads to work with local governments to share track for passenger/commuter rail operations;
- Support federal funding of safety improvements (including quiet zones) for passenger/commuter rail service and Transit Oriented Development area.



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