



Denver Union Station Redevelopment

Union Station Advisory Committee

January 18, 2007



Tonight's Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Public Comments
3. Remarks by USAC Co-Chairs
4. Overview of Project and Schedule
5. EIS Update
6. USAC Update
 - a. Reorganization of Stakeholder Groups
 - b. BOGs
 - c. Review Tentative Meeting Schedule
 - d. Communication Protocol
7. Questions and Additional Comments
8. Next Meeting



Concurrent Processes

- » Public Process
- » Developer Negotiations
- » Tax Increment Financing
- » Metro District
- » Environmental Impact Statement
- » Preliminary Engineering to 30%
- » Master Plan Amendment
- » Public Space and Historic Station
- » General Development Plan
- » Design Standards and Guidelines
- » DBE/SBE Requirements
- » Transportation Construction
- » Development Construction
- » Governance



Major Schedule Milestones

- » **Developer Negotiations Process**
 - Terms Sheet Dec. '06 – Jan. '07
 - Framework Agreement Feb 1 – May 1

- » **Design/EIS Process**
 - Design Refinement Jan. 8 - March 1
 - 10%-15% PE for EIS March 1 - May 1
 - EIS Process March 1 – Feb. '08
 - 30% Design/GMP May 1 – Dec. 30

- » **Master Plan**
 - Plan Development Jan. – March '07
 - Agency Approvals April '07

- » **Public Finance**
 - Council TIF Approval June 2007
 - Metro District Election Nov. '07

- » **GDP/Design Standards and Guidelines**
 - July '07 – March '08



Master Plan Process

- » Update original Master Plan to reflect new conditions
 - FasTracks
 - DMAP
 - Downtown Area Plan
 - Developer selection
 - Changes associated due to other corridor EIS processes
 - Timing of Improvements

- » Document will be more streamlined
 - Executive Summary
 - Introduction
 - Transportation
 - Development and Historic Station
 - Urban Design and Public Space
 - Public Process and Project Phasing



Environmental Impact Statement Process



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process To-Date

- » Published Draft EIS March 2006
- » Public Hearing held April 2006
- » Proceeding with FEIS
- » Received Concurrence from FTA in Mid-December 2006 to evaluate the Union Station Neighborhood (USN) Plan as the Build Alternative





FEIS Assumptions

- » Public and Agency comments and responses received on the Draft EIS will be documented in the Final EIS.
- » The Final EIS will evaluate the direct impacts of the transportation elements of the USN Alternative
- » Cumulative impacts will summarize private development



EIS Schedule

12-Month Process:

- » Conduct Environmental Analysis for the USN Alternative:
March 2007 – August 2007
- » EIS Break Out Groups: Aug/Sept 2007
- » Publish Final EIS and Hold a 45-Day Public Comment Period:
Oct/Nov 2007
- » Public Hearing: Oct/Nov 2007
- » Publish ROD: February 2008



Public Involvement Process



Public Involvement

1. Reorganization of Stakeholder Groups
2. BOGs
3. Review Tentative Meeting Schedule
4. Communication Protocol





Reorganization of Stakeholder Groups

- ▶ Two representatives per group
- ▶ Align with current project activities and needs
- ▶ Ensure representation of corridors
- ▶ Promote active participation by members
- ▶ Establish Technical Work Groups when needed



Stakeholder Groups

- Property Owners Adjacent (South & East)
- Property Owners Adjacent (North & West)
- RNO's Quadrant #1
- RNO's Quadrant #2
- RNO's Quadrant #3
- RNO's Quadrant #4
- RNO's Outside Primary Study Area
- East Corridor
- West Corridor
- Gold Line Corridor
- North Metro Corridor
- US 36 Corridor
- Southeast Corridor



Stakeholder Groups (continued)

- Southwest Corridor
- I-225 Corridor
- Curtis Park Neighborhood
- Minority Business Interests
- Downtown Denver Inc.
- LoDo District
- Downtown Denver Inc.
- Downtown Denver Partnership/Denver Civic Ventures
- Downtown Denver Business Improvement District
- Environmental, Pedestrian, Bicycles and Alternative Transportation Advocates (Combined)
- Historic Preservation
- Sports, Entertainment, Cultural and Tourism (Combined)



Technical Advisory/Work Groups

- Railroads
- Private Ground Transportation
- Front Range/Mountain Rail and Transportation Corridors
- Parking Providers and Valet Companies
- Human Service Providers





Meeting Schedule

➤ USAC Meetings

➤ 3rd Thursday of the month

➤ 5:30 to 8:00 pm

February 15

July 19

March 15

August 16

April 19

September 20

May 17

October 18

June 17

November 15





Breakout Groups (BOGs)

- Land Use and Urban Design
 - Master Plan, Design Guidelines, GDP and Public Spaces
- Transportation Elements
 - Light Rail, Commuter Rail, Regional Bus, Shuttle, Circulator, Private Transportation Providers, etc.
- Financing
 - TIF, Metro District, Other Financing Sources
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Construction Phasing



Breakout Groups (BOGs)

- Meetings will be held on Thursdays
 - Generally 5:30-7 pm and 7-8:30 pm
 - All meetings at RTD -- 1600 Blake St.
- 2 Co-chairs for each BOG
 - Volunteers/nominations accepted
 - Appointment by USAC Co-chairs and PMT
 - Ratified by USAC
- May serve on up to 2 BOGs



BOG Meeting Schedule

➤ BOGs

➤ Urban Design and Land Use

February 1	5:30 – 7 pm
February 8	5:30 – 7 pm
February 22	7 – 8:30 pm
March 1	7 – 8:30 pm

➤ Transportation

February 22	5:30 – 7 pm
March 22	7 – 8:30 pm

➤ Finance

March 1	5:30 – 7 pm
March 29	7 – 8:30 pm





Communication and Documentation Protocol

- Web site will be primary source for information
- Minutes taken at each USAC and BOG will be posted by 5 pm the following Monday

