East Colfax Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Community Workshop 2: Colorado Blvd. to Yosemite St.
June 14, 2023
Welcome! Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey before we begin.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/colfaxbrtworkshop2survey

The workshop will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m.
Project Leadership & Partners

**DOTI Project Leadership**
David Krutsinger, *Transit Director* | Jon Stewart, *Project Director* | Brian McLaren, *Project Manager*

**Project Partners**

Denver City Council Representatives

Equity & Accessibility Partners
Workshop Purpose and Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions & Purpose

- **Where We Left Off:** Spring ‘23 Engagement Recap

- East Colfax Avenue BRT Vision, Benefits & How BRT Will Work

- **Panel Discussion:** Moving Through the Corridor with the BRT

- **Open Discussion** & Next Steps

- Open House
Moving Through the Corridor with BRT

- Pedestrians
- Parking
- Transit
- Vehicles
- Cyclists
Housekeeping & Ground Rules

• Opportunity for Q&A during the open discussion
  • **In-Person:** Raise your hands during Q&A; each person will have one minute to ask one question
  • **Virtual:** Submit questions via Zoom Q&A function

• Please **be constructive and respectful**

• Open house will follow the panel discussion for in-person attendees

Photo Credit: Zach Kotel
Where We Left Off:
Spring ‘23 Engagement Recap
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10
Engagements with the BIDs, Task Force, community and other stakeholders

180+
In-person and virtual attendees at the April 12 Task Force meeting and April 18 Open House

402
Community survey responses collected between April 12 and May 5

708
Individual comments on the survey
Public Comments: Key Themes

- Prioritize **safety, comfort and accessibility** at BRT stations
- Enhance the **pedestrian and cyclist experience**
- Ensure **public art reflects the character and history** of the local community
- Supplement preferred **digital communications channels** (i.e., website and email) with **earned media** and targeted **community events or neighborhood meetings**
- Center forthcoming community outreach on substantive issues such as the **project’s benefits, traffic and safety impacts, and small business support**
- Consider opportunities to **expedite the project timeline**
Public Art Selection Panel Next Steps

- Applications closed May 12
- Arts & Venues received more than 30 applications
- Applicants represent a diverse mix of backgrounds and abilities

**Timeline:**
Summer 2023: Art selection panel approval
Fall 2023: Orientation meeting
*Public Art Selection: 6 – 9 months*
East Colfax Ave BRT:
Vision, Benefits & How BRT Will Work
Advancing Denver’s Transportation Vision
East Colfax Ave: A Perfect Candidate for BRT Investment

24,450
Average riders per day on the 15/15L

60%
Pre-pandemic rider levels on the 15/15L (versus 20% national average)

94,000
Number of households within a 0.5-mile radius of Colfax Ave. that will have access to the BRT by 2040, a 21% increase compared to 2020.
East Colfax Ave BRT Purpose & Benefits

Social
• Provide reliable, sustainable travel options
• Improve safety, comfort and convenience
• Support vibrant, walkable & connected neighborhoods

Economic
• Deliver bus travel time savings
• Lower household transportation burden
• Enhance access to jobs & services

Environmental
• Reduce GHG emissions from vehicles
• Improve air and noise quality
• Promote greener streets
Top Project Benefits – Fall 2021 Public Survey

- Better service: 26%
- Improved safety: 21%
- Increased capacity: 13%
- Enhanced public spaces: 13%
- Support of neighborhood plans: 10%
- Greater access: 9%
- More affordable options: 8%

Based on 216 survey responses from 28 different zip codes
East Colfax Ave BRT Project Timeline

2020 - 2022
Preliminary Design, Engineering & Environmental Review
City of Aurora & CCD IGA

Aug. ‘22
FTA Small Starts Project Rating Application

2023 – 2024
Final Design
- March ‘23: Receive FTA Small Starts Rating
- July ‘23: Submit Categorical Exclusion as part of NEPA review
- July/Aug. ‘23: Onboard Construction Manager General Contractor
- August ‘23: Apply for FTA Small Starts Construction Grant after 60% design

2024 – 2026
Bidding & Construction

2027
January 2027 Revenue Operations

Public Engagement continuous through design phases
Moving Through the Corridor with BRT

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Panel Discussion:
Moving Through the Corridor with BRT

Jon Stewart
Denver Department of Transportation & Infrastructure

Stephen Rijo
Denver Department of Transportation & Infrastructure

Curt Upton
Denver Community Planning & Development

Doug Monroe
RTD

Charlie Alexander
Fehr & Peers

Nick Vanderkwaak
Fehr & Peers
Q&A

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Next Steps
Where We’re Going: Final Design to Construction (2023+)

- Refine the Lynx logo and color palette
- Refine BRT station and streetscape designs
- Build out 1% for Public Art project structure and selection committee
- Align with Denver Water on pipe replacement schedule beginning 2023
- Conduct Curbside Access Plan and additional safety analyses
- Identify and provide support mechanisms for small businesses
- Peer exchanges to learn lessons from other cities with center-running BRT

Public Engagement continuous through design phases
Stay Engaged
Stay Engaged!

- **DenverGov.org/ColfaxBRT**  
  Project Website

- **aecomviz.com/Colfax360/**  
  Virtual Engagement Hub

- **Public Inquiry Form**  
  Available at DenverGov.org/ColfaxBRT

- **Community Updates**  
  Sign up at DenverGov.org/ColfaxBRT

- **In-Community Events**  
  Suggest an event by completing the form at DenverGov.org/ColfaxBRT