**Project Need**

**DEMAND:** Colfax Avenue has the highest bus ridership of any corridor in the region. The 15/15L routes combined see 7 million annual boardings — over 22,000 per weekday — and weekday ridership is projected to increase to over 50,000 in 2035.

**ACCESS/DESTINATIONS:** Will provide access to nearly 280,000 jobs in 2035, while serving Downtown, Auraria Campus, Anschutz Medical Campus, and nearly 50 schools.

**MOBILITY:** Provides more reliable service, decreases transit travel time by up to 15 minutes compared to 2035 “no-build” travel times, and provides connections to 3 RTD rail stations and 16 bus routes.

**SAFETY:** Supports Vision Zero through shorter pedestrian crossings with less exposure to vehicle traffic, reduction of conflicts and driver expectations.

**PLACEMAKING:** Increases investment by attracting new residential and commercial development.

**EQUITY AND AFFORDABILITY:** Provides affordable access to jobs and services and reduces household transportation cost burden.

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**Operating Plan**

The Colfax Bus Rapid Transit line will provide high-frequency, all-day service between Anschutz Medical Campus and Auraria Campus with routes continuing to Aurora Metro Center on the east and Decatur-Federal Station / Denver Union Station on the west. Major destinations served include:

- Aurora Metro Center
- Anschutz Medical Campus
- National Jewish Health
- West Colfax, Colfax, Mayfair, and Bluebird Business Improvement Districts
- Denver Civic Center
- Downtown Denver
- Auraria Campus
- Over 50 schools

Today, RTD operates local (Route 15) and limited stop (Route 15L) service in the corridor. The locally preferred center running BRT alternative would have corridor bus services use a single set of high-quality stations in Denver. Service patterns may remain similar to today in Aurora.

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**Service Characteristics**

**DAILY SPAN OF SERVICE**
24 hours per day, seven days per week

**FREQUENCY**
- 5 minutes during peak periods
- 10 minutes or better off peak
- 30 minutes overnight

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**Performance Characteristics**

- Transit travel time improved by 15% compared to future baseline
- Improved transit travel time reliability
- Ridership more than doubles to 50,000 daily riders by 2035
- Pedestrian and multimodal safety improved

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**Project Map**

Note: Station locations to be refined and finalized during the design phase.
Capital Elements

RUNNING WAY
Colfax BRT investments will keep buses moving in the Denver portion of the corridor with:
- Dedicated transit lanes in the center of the street to reduce conflicts with other vehicles
- Transit signal priority at most intersections

COLFAX BRT STATIONS
Colfax BRT stations will feature:
- Real-time transit arrival information
- Off-board fare payment (fares are checked on board like light rail)
- Multi-door boarding and alighting
- Near-level platforms to speed up boarding and make boarding easier for seniors and people with disabilities
- Enhanced shelters to protect customers from weather
- Lighting and security features
- Passenger information (route and system level)
- Service branding and public art features

Funding Plan
The Denver 2017 GO Bond included $55 million in funding for capital investments in the Denver portion of the Colfax BRT project. While this funding could build a scaled version of the BRT, it is the desire of the City, in partnership with RTD, to seek federal grant funds to implement the full vision developed in the Alternatives Analysis process. The GO Bond also included other funds for related pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement in the corridor.

Project Schedule

SUMMER 2017 - SPRING 2018
- Center-running alternative public outreach; task force meetings

SPRING 2018 - WINTER 2018
- Conceptual Design; task force meetings

2019+
- Design and Environmental work began process to seek federal funding

2020+
- Final design and implementation planning

2022+
- Construction and opening

Give Us Your Input
For more information about this project and to stay involved in the public outreach process, please go to the following web address:
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