Northwest Rail Starter Service
Longmont TAB

March 11, 2019
Background

• Recognizing RTD’s inability to secure full funding for Northwest Rail Corridor as envisioned in FasTracks Plan
  • Cost for full corridor/full service estimated to be $1.1 to $1.5 billion (in $2013)
• RTD has evaluated constructing corridor in segments; however, this option has numerous challenges
• Longmont City Council requested RTD to evaluate initiating a rush-hour only service
• RTD has been working with local governments to study this proposal
Background

- Northwest Rail Corridor is only rail corridor where RTD has been unable to fully purchase the right-of-way
- Right-of-way owned by BNSF Railway Company
- Any passenger rail service must accommodate BNSF’s freight operations
Intent of Proposal

• Extend B-Line Rail Service from Westminster to Longmont
• Limit impact to BNSF freight service
• Limit station and right-of-way costs
• Introduce useful service
Intent of Proposal

• Service:
  • Three trains from Longmont to Denver in the a.m.
  • Three trains from Denver to Longmont in the p.m.

• Stations:
  • Downtown Longmont (1st and Main)
  • Boulder Junction
  • Downtown Louisville
  • Flatiron
  • Broomfield (116th Avenue)
  • Westminster (88th Avenue)
  • Westminster (currently in operation)
  • Union Station (currently in operation)
Ridership

• Travel Time:
  • Downtown Longmont to Union Station: 66 minutes

• Estimated Ridership:
  • 1,400 Average Daily Weekday Ridership
Estimated Costs

- Capital Costs
  - $117M

- Operating Costs
  - $12 to $15M annually

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*Does not include cost of BNSF infrastructure upgrades and operating slots, nor does estimate include costs for needed right-of-way.

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*Does not include potential BNSF O&M fees.
Outstanding Questions

• BNSF Costs
  • RTD has requested feedback from BNSF on proposal
  • Currently awaiting response

• Right-of-Way Costs
  • Working with local jurisdictions to work through right-of-way costs
Questions?

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