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## Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

**To:** The Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) Board of Directors

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### Subject: Update on the West Metro Station Study

#### Purpose:

The Division of Transit and Rail is currently leading the West Metro Station Study to identify a station in the Western Metropolitan Area of Denver to serve the Mountain Rail project. This memorandum and presentation to the Board of Directors outlines an overview of the station study process and progress to date, an overview of the railroad right-of-way feasibility analysis, and identifies the future engagement opportunities for the project.

#### Requested Action:

This item is informational only, and no action is requested at this time.

#### West Metro Station Study Overview:

The West Metro Station study process started in January 2026 and builds on the work of the Mountain Rail Service Development Plan (SDP). As part of the Mountain Rail SDP efforts, a future station was identified in the West Metro area of Denver as an additional station for future phases of the Mountain Rail project.

#### The West Metro Station Study project has the following steps:

- Step 1: Develop feasibility analysis of the railroad right-of-way for a station and present preliminary findings to the public.
- Step 2: Advance two (2) alternatives to the public for station locations. Analysis will include feasibility studies outside of the railroad right-of-way to understand additional constraints and opportunities in the surrounding area of the two identified locations. Relevant stakeholders and the public will provide feedback on the two preferred alternatives. It is anticipated that the two alternatives will be presented to the public in late June or early July 2026.
- Step 3: Advance one alternative to the public based on feedback collected in Steps 1 and 2, and develop 10% plans for the selected alternative and a final study document to discuss implementation of the station. It is anticipated that

the final preferred alternative will be presented to the public in August of 2026.

To date, the project has completed Step 1, the feasibility analysis on the railroad right-of-way. The analysis has been presented to over 85 individuals, ranging from staff and elected officials of Jefferson County, the City of Arvada, and Adams County, and other relevant stakeholders throughout the corridor from approximately March until the end of April.

The project team recently hosted its first community meeting for the project on April 30, 2026, at Arvada High School. Approximately 115 individuals attended the meeting in person, and over 530 individuals have provided feedback on the preliminary analysis of the railroad right-of-way.

### **Next Steps:**

The project team will summarize the feedback from the public meeting on April 30 and will ensure CTIO Board of Directors input is also included in the project's engagement summaries. As the project continues progress, the team will periodically update the CTIO Board of Directors.

### **Attachments:**

Attachment A- Update on the West Metro Station Study Presentation