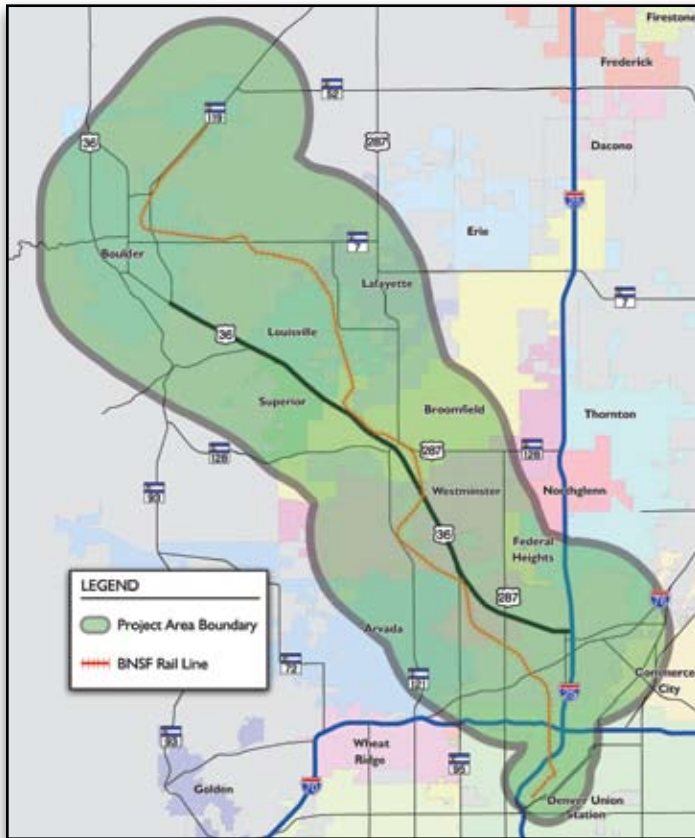


US 36 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT



FEBRUARY 2006

US 36 Mobility Partnership



ABOUT THE US 36 CORRIDOR EIS

The US 36 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is identifying multi-modal transportation improvements between Denver and Boulder. The improvements are being considered along an 18-mile roadway alignment (US 36 from I-25 in Denver to Boulder) and a 30-mile railroad corridor (Burlington Northern Santa Fe from Denver Union Station to Boulder). The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD), are jointly conducting the project.



WHAT'S NEXT

US 36 EIS Current Project Schedule

PHASE	2006	2007
DEIS		
Public Review		
Package Evaluation		
Public Review		
FEIS		
Public Review		
Decision Documents/ Approvals		

Distribution of the DEIS (Summer of 2006)

The US 36 EIS Project Team is analyzing environmental impacts and preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS document provides information about the benefits, impacts, and costs for the four build transportation alternatives under consideration. According to the current schedule, the DEIS will be available for public review and comment in the summer of 2006. A 45-day public comment period will begin after release of the DEIS.

US 36 DEIS Public Hearings (Summer of 2006)

During the 45-day public comment period, the US 36 EIS Project Team will hold Public Hearings for the public to learn about the US 36 EIS process and to make official comments on the DEIS. The Public Hearings will include a presentation that addresses:

1. The project's purpose and need
2. The project's alternatives and major design features
3. The social, economic, environmental, and other impacts of the alternatives
4. Procedures for submitting oral and written comments to decision makers

These hearings will include time on the agenda for public comments. All public comments will be addressed and responded to by the Project Team.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTIONS

The four 'build' transportation packages are comprised of different combinations of the following elements:



Transportation Management & Bike Path –

Actions to address transportation needs without constructing significant new capital investments. These may include minor intersection or interchange improvements, expanded park-n-Ride facilities, bus route structuring, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements, and implementation of bicycle facilities.



Additional General Purpose lanes on US 36 –

Additional general purpose lanes to address congestion points along US 36. The number of lanes will vary according to travel demand within the corridor.



High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes –

An exclusive traffic lane limited to carrying high-occupancy vehicles and certain other qualified vehicles.



Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) with Stations – A high frequency bus transit option along the entire length of US 36. Buses could operate in BRT/HOV lanes in the median or on the side of US 36, with 'in-line' stations for rapid passenger boarding and improved travel times.



Commuter Rail on BNSF – Commuter rail in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Right-of-Way (ROW) from Denver Union Station in downtown Denver to Boulder.



Express Toll Lanes – A set of lanes separated from the general purpose lanes in which every vehicle traveling must pay a toll.

	PACKAGE 1: No Action	PACKAGE 2: Express Toll + BRT	PACKAGE 3: General Purpose Lanes + Exclusive BRT	PACKAGE 4: Rail + General Purpose Lanes + HOV + BRT	PACKAGE 5: Rail + General Purpose Lanes + HOV
Transportation Management					
Add General Purpose Lanes to US 36					
HOV / Express Bus					
BRT and/or HOV				 	
Express Toll					
Commuter Rail on BNSF					

CANDIDATE TRANSIT STATIONS

Candidate Bus Rapid Transit Stations	Candidate Commuter Rail Stations
Denver Union Station	Denver Union Station
Westminster Center (US 36/Sheridan)	South Westminster (70th/Irving)
104th Ave./Church Ranch (US 36/104th)	Sheridan/88th
116th Ave. (US 36/116th)	104th Ave./Church Ranch (US 36/104th)
Flatiron (US 36/96th)	116th Ave. (US 36/116th)
McCaslin (US 36/McCaslin)	Flatiron (US 36/96th)
Table Mesa (US 36/Table Mesa)	Downtown Louisville (Hwy. 42/South St.)
Boulder Transit Village (30th/Pearl)	East Boulder (63rd/Arapahoe)
Boulder Transit Center (Walnut St./14th St)	Boulder Transit Village (30th/Pearl)

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

1. **Attend and participate in a public hearing**
2. **Sign up for our mailing list:**
 - Go to www.US36EIS.com and send us your E-MAIL address
 - Call Meghana Shah at 303-442-7367
3. **Request a guest speaker to give a presentation to your organization, business, or group:**
 - Call Jonathan Bartsch at 303-442-7367
4. **Read about the project on our website: www.US36EIS.com**
5. **Call the project hotline at 1-800-367-9260 to learn about upcoming meetings and project information**