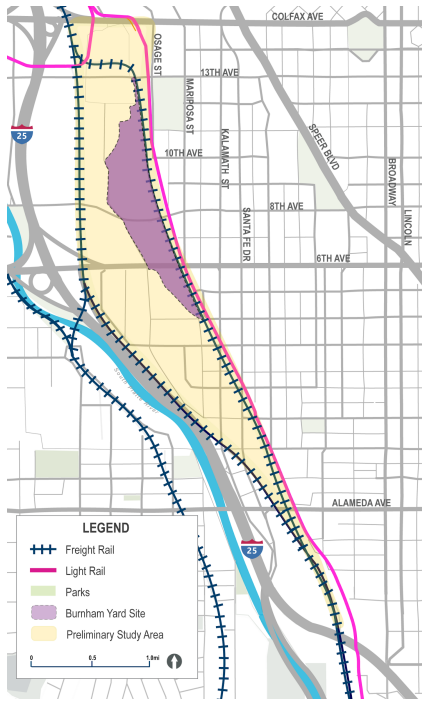


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Burnham Yard Transportation Planning Study



About Burnham Yard

Burnham Yard is a 1-mile long, 58-acre property located south of Downtown Denver and east of I-25 Central in the La Alma-Lincoln Park and Baker neighborhoods. The former rail yard sits among recreational attractions like Empower Field at Mile High, the Denver Art Museum, and the South Platte River Trail. The Colorado Transportation Investment Office's (CTIO) recent purchase of the land enables opportunities to improve mobility through central Denver, introduce new development on the property, and reimagine Burnham Yard's role in the surrounding communities. You can virtually tour what Burnham Yard looks like today through pictures and videos [here](#).

About the Study

The first step in the study of Burnham Yard is to explore options for improved freight and passenger rail through the area by completing a technical pre-NEPA Transportation Planning Study ("Study") that began in October 2022 and will conclude in May 2023. The Study will recommend one or more track layout alternatives for the Consolidated

Main Line (CML) location and enhancement of RTD light rail while maintaining options for Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) within Burnham Yard and the surrounding areas.

The process will carefully consider technical elements such as optimizing rail alignment geometry and operations, avoiding impacts to historical structures and other community and environmental resources, and allowing for redevelopment of the remaining land. The process will also incorporate key stakeholder input, by engaging them in workshops and interviews. The result will be the proposal of alternative(s) that improve local and regional transportation options in and around the site and allow opportunities for the reuse of the site to support future development. The recommended alternative is expected to impact about 17 of the property's 58 acres.

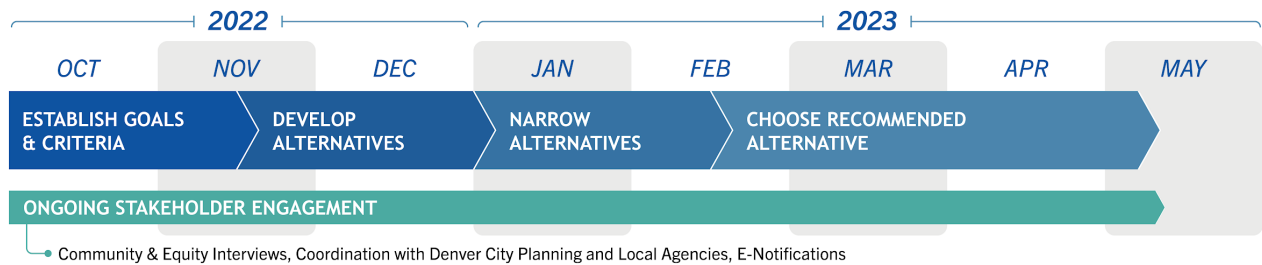
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Major Outcomes of the Study include:

- **Understanding potential environmental impacts** of these investments by completing a technical pre-National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation.
- **Creating a Vision and Goals Statement** to guide decision-making.
- **Developing a preliminary range of track alignment alternatives** in line with the project vision.
- **Choosing a recommended track alignment alternative** to be assessed further in the NEPA process.

Study Timeline

Burnham Yard Transportation Planning Study Study Schedule



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For close to 150 years, Burnham Yard was a central agent of economic activity for the Denver Metro region. The land was acquired by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in 1871—five years before Colorado became a state—and remained a driving force of economic activity for several decades. Burnham Yard served as a repair, refueling, maintenance, manufacturing, and storage facility for a series of railroads until 2016. In 2021, CTIO purchased the land from the Union Pacific Railroad.

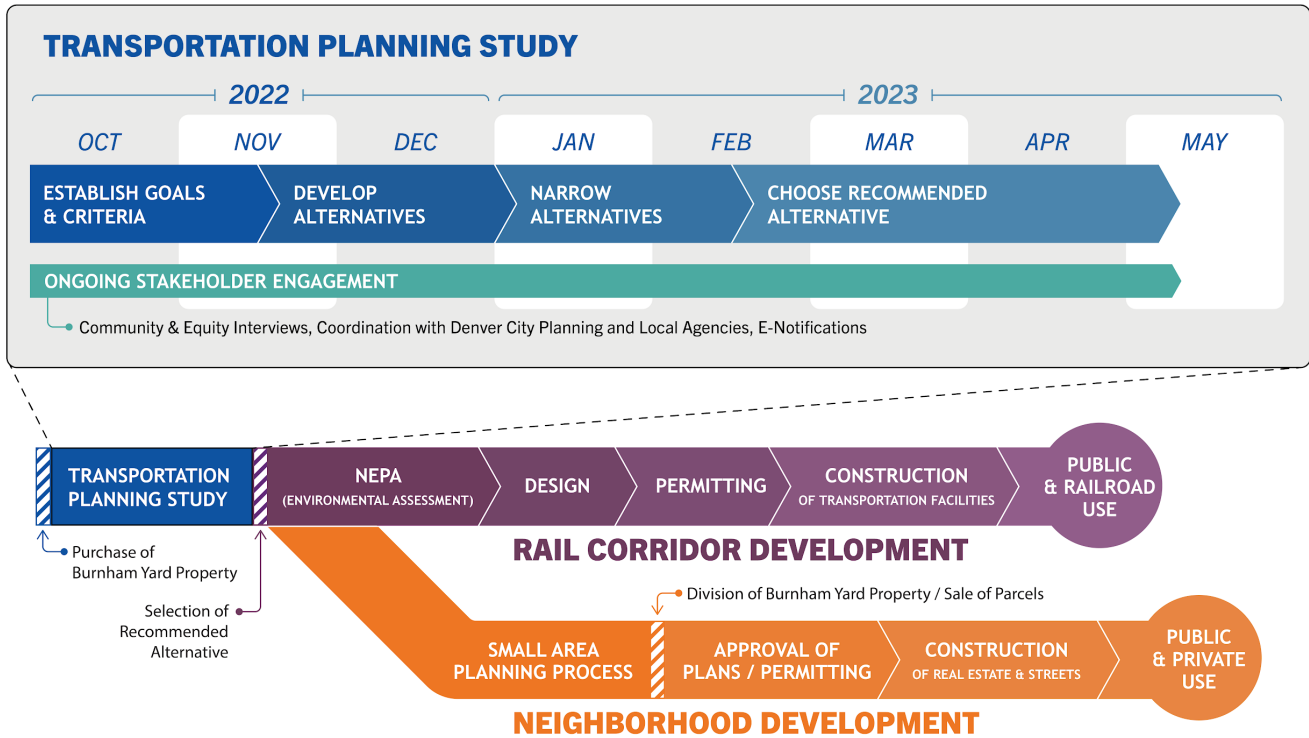
Over time significant changes occurred to Burnham Yard’s community, architecture, and commerce, all of which are detailed by Historic Denver in their [2017 Research Report](#).

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Beyond the Transportation Planning Study

Separately from the development of Burnham Yard’s rail corridor, the City and County of Denver will lead a Small Area Planning process to ensure that the community’s priorities are identified and used to inform any future redevelopment projects. Small area plans are created for areas where no neighborhood-level policy guidance exists. This small area planning process will be focused on the land reuse and future development of the remaining portions of Burnham Yard that will not be used to support the function of the rail.

Burnham Yard Project Timelines



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Stakeholder Engagement

Key Stakeholders

Key stakeholders are made up of a variety of representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, railroad companies, registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs), local businesses, and elected offices. These representatives will inform their networks of information on the Study and will bring input from their networks to the study.

Public Communications

This Study website will serve as the primary source of information to the public and will be updated regularly as new information and materials become available. Additional communications may include presentations to RNOs, public surveys, [study report updates](#), press releases, and more. The Study Team will consider additional public communication and engagement opportunities in communities adjacent to Burnham Yard as they arise. [Submit a question or comment online here.](#)

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