

What is BRT?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high-capacity, efficient bus service that incorporates elements of light rail. These include enhanced stations, all-door boarding, purchasing tickets before riding, and in some locations, dedicated bus lanes. BRT achieves high-quality service because it minimizes delays, such as making frequent stops and getting stuck in traffic at intersections.



Why BRT?

The Colorado Department of Transportation plans to improve travel along Federal Boulevard with attractive and efficient BRT service. The BRT routes will enhance transportation options on state highways and improve connections to the region's passenger rail system. To meet CDOT's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, CDOT is planning to build BRT on several major arterials in the Denver Metro area. BRT achieves high-quality service by combining the capacity and efficiency of a light rail with the flexibility, cost, and simplicity of a bus. BRT will improve transit for existing riders and add high-quality service for new ones.

Federal Blvd. BRT Project Goals



Improving safety along the corridor and at transit station areas.



Increasing transit reliability and ridership.



Decreasing transit travel times.



Promoting cultural vibrancy and quality of life along the corridor.

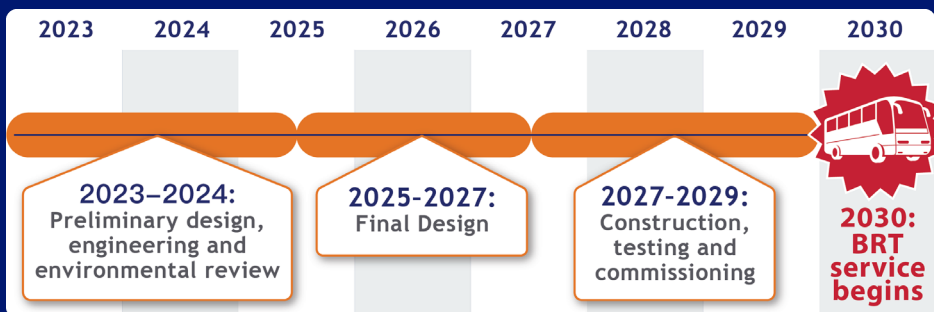


Increasing transit accessibility.



Improving connectivity and mobility.

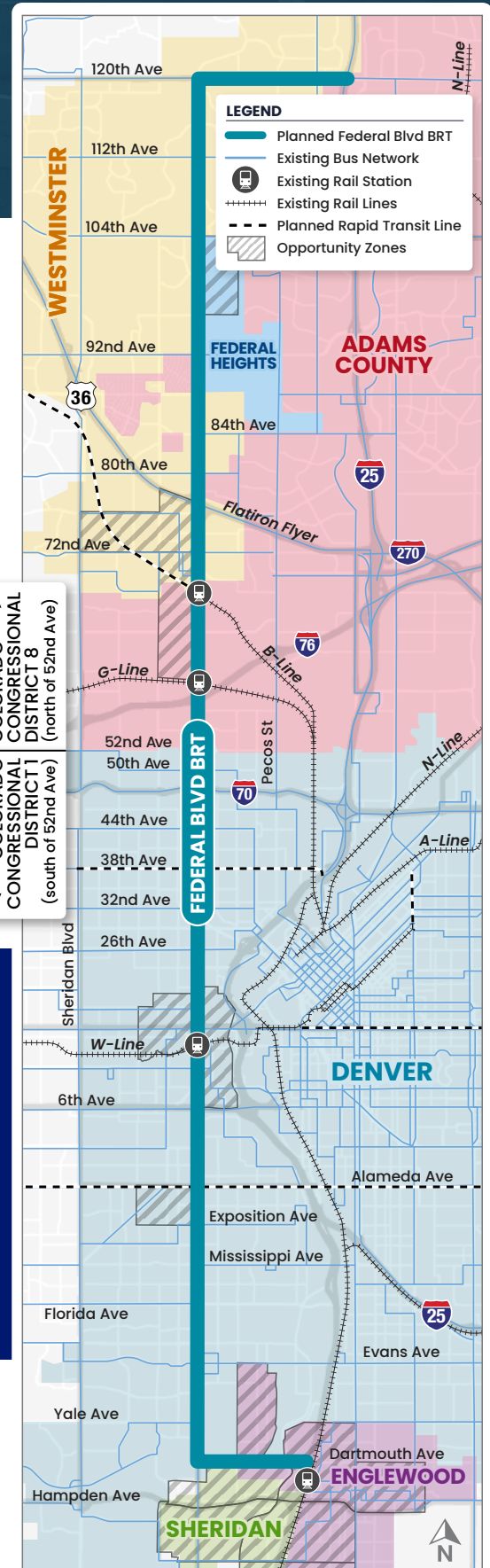
Proposed Timeline



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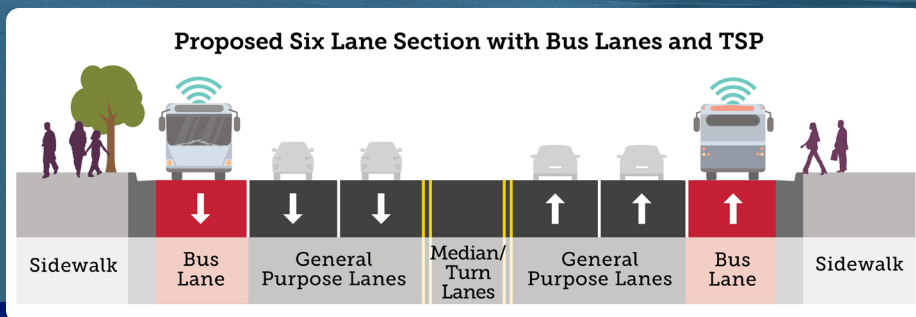
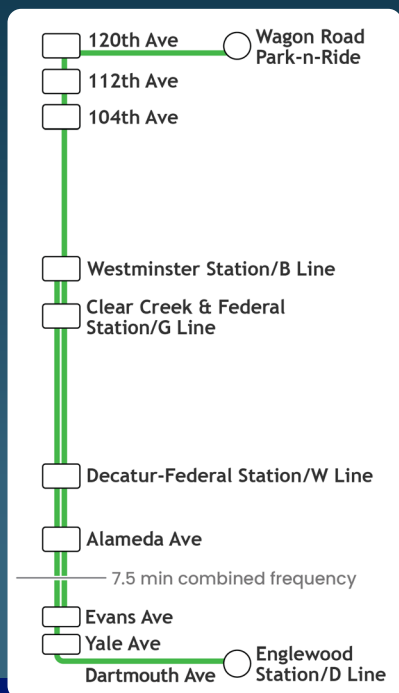
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Why BRT on Federal Boulevard?

Federal Boulevard is one of RTD's highest ridership bus routes. Currently, buses on the corridor experience significant delays, resulting in long travel times. BRT will reduce travel times and improve reliability.

What could BRT on Federal Boulevard look like?



Two 15-minute bus routes with enhanced stations and 60-foot articulated clean-diesel buses

Benefits

Travel Demand & Economic Vitality

- Significant increase in transit ridership on opening day
- \$3 of increased business sales for every \$1 invested in public transportation
- Improved service to Opportunity Zones
- Investment improves access to jobs along the corridor

Transit Speed and Reliability

- >15% faster transit travel times
- Dedicated bus lanes to improve reliability

Safety and Accessibility Improvements

- Intersection with crosswalk enhancements
- Upgraded passenger security
- New or improved sidewalks

