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Glossary

The following guidance defines common terminology used in this document.

Term	Definition
Accessibility ¹	The extent to which facilities are barrier free and useable by persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users.
Alignment	A ground plan or route of a railroad, highway, fixed-guideway transit, or other forms of transportation.
Alternative Analysis	Federal requirement for major capital investments involving the systematic and rigorous evaluation of possible courses of action by considering different modal, design, and service options.
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)	A civil rights law passed by Congress in 1990, which makes it illegal to discriminate against people with disabilities in employment, services provided by state and local governments, public and private transportation, public accommodations, and telecommunications.
Base Fare ¹	The price charged to one adult for one transit ride; excludes transfer charges, zone charges, express service charges, peak period surcharges, and reduced fares.
Base Period ¹	The period between the morning and evening peak periods when transit service is generally scheduled on a constant interval. Also known as off-peak period.
Bus ¹	A rubber-tired, self-propelled, manually-steered vehicle with fuel supply carried on board the vehicle.
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	A transit mode that combines the quality of rail transit and the flexibility of buses. It can operate on bus lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, expressways, or ordinary streets.
Busway ¹	Exclusive freeway lane for buses and/or carpools.
Catenary ¹	Suspended overhead wire that carries high voltage for electrically powered transit vehicles (e.g. trolley coaches, light rail transit vehicles) from a central power source.
Central Business District (CBD)	The downtown retail trade and commercial area of a city or an area of very high land valuation, traffic flow, and concentration of retail business offices, theaters, hotels, and services.
Commuter Rail ¹	A transit mode that includes a multiple car electric or diesel propelled train. It is typically used for local, longer-distance travel between a central city and adjacent suburbs and can operate alongside existing freight or passenger rail lines or in exclusive right of way (ROW).
Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility (CRMF)	See Maintenance Facility.

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Compliance Committee	Compliance committees were formed to provide general guidance and ensure adherence to the various federal, state, and local directives, regulations, policies, and procedures. Membership included agency staff with expertise and knowledge in the respective committee area. Committee members provide technical guidance and support with respect to their respective agencies, regulations, and areas of expertise or compliance category (air quality, environmental justice, etc.).
Conformity ¹	The ongoing process that ensures the planning for highway and transit systems, as a whole and over the long term, is consistent with the state air quality plans for attaining and maintaining health-based air quality standards. Conformity is determined by metropolitan planning organizations and the U.S. Department of Transportation and is based on whether transportation plans and programs meet the provisions of a state implementation plan.
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	Federal funds available for either transit or highway projects that contribute significantly to reducing automobile emissions that cause air pollution.
Cooperating Agency	The regulations that implement National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 define a cooperating agency as an agency other than a lead agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative) for legislation or other major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.
Corridor ¹	A broad geographical band that follows a general directional flow connecting major sources of trips that may contain a number of streets, highways, and transit route alignments.
Corridor-wide Meeting	A meeting that includes all neighborhoods located within the project corridor including Five Points, LoDo, Whittier, Cole, Clayton, Globeville, Elyria and Swansea, Northeast Park Hill, Stapleton, Montbello, Green Valley Ranch, Gateway, and DIA. These meetings are typically conducted at key project milestones.
Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU)	Each unit carries passengers and can be self-powered by a diesel motor; no separate engine unit is required.
Double-Deck Bus ¹	A bus with two separate passenger compartments, one above the other.
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	The DEIS is the document that details the results of the detailed analysis of all of the projects alternatives. The DEIS contains the information learned about the impacts of a project and alternatives.
Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU)	An EMU is heavier than a light rail vehicle, but it is powered in the same way by an overhead electrical catenary system.
Environmental Assessment (EA)	A report subject to the requirements of NEPA demonstrating that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not needed for a specific set of actions. The EA can lead to a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

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Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ¹	A comprehensive study of likely environmental impacts resulting from major federally-assisted projects; environmental impact statements are required by NEPA.
Exclusive Right of Way (ROW) ¹	A highway or other facility that can only be used by buses or other transit vehicles.
FasTracks	The mass transit expansion plan and funding program to improve and expand the Denver region's existing transit system and facilities. In November 2004, the Denver region's voters approved RTD's request to increase its sales tax by 0.04 percent, which would provide \$4.7 billion over 12 years to expand rapid transit services (light rail, commuter rail, and bus rapid transit), park-and-Ride facilities, and enhance the existing bus network and transit hubs.
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)	A document prepared by a federal agency showing why a proposed action would not have a significant impact on the environment and thus would not require preparation of an EIS. A FONSI is based on the results of an EA.
Fixed Guideway System ¹	A system of vehicles that can operate only on its own guideway constructed for that purpose (e.g., rapid rail, light rail). Federal usage in funding legislation also includes exclusive ROW bus operations, trolley coaches, and ferryboats as fixed guideway transit.
Fixed Route ¹	Service provided on a repetitive, fixed-schedule basis along a specific route with vehicles stopping to pick up and deliver passengers to specific locations; each fixed-route trip serves the same origins and destinations, unlike demand responsive and taxicabs.
Grade Crossing	A railroad or rail transit crossing with a roadway on the same level, resulting in an at-grade intersection.
Grade Separation	The construction of a roadway and/or railroad over or under an intersecting roadway or railroad.
Headway ¹	Time interval between vehicles moving in the same direction on a particular transit route.
Heavy Rail ¹	An electric railway with the capacity for a heavy volume of traffic and characterized by exclusive ROW, multi-car trains, high speed and rapid acceleration, sophisticated signaling, and high platform loading. Also known as rapid rail, subway, elevated (railway) or metropolitan railway (metro).
High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) ¹	A vehicle carrying at least a specified number of individuals, usually two or three.
High-Speed Rail (Bullet Train) ¹	A rail transportation system with exclusive ROW that serves densely traveled corridors at speeds of 124 miles per hour and greater.
Intermodal ¹	Those issues or activities that involve or affect more than one mode of transportation, including transportation connections, choices, cooperation, and coordination of various modes. Also known as multimodal.

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Term	Definition
Joint Development ¹	Ventures undertaken by the public and private sectors for development of land around transit stations or stops.
kiss-n-Ride ¹	A place where commuters are driven and dropped off at a station to board a public transportation vehicle.
Layover Time ¹	Time built into a schedule between arrival at the end of a route and the departure for the return trip, used for the recovery of delays and preparation for the return trip.
Lead Agency	The organization that contracts and administers a study. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would typically fill this role. The lead agency has the final say about the project's Purpose and Need, range of alternatives to be considered, and other procedural matters.
Level of Service (LOS)	A set of descriptive characteristics used to indicate the quality of transportation service provided, including characteristics that are quantifiable (e.g., frequency, travel time, travel cost, number of transfers, safety, amount of delay) and those that are difficult to quantify (e.g., availability, comfort, convenience, modal image).
Light Rail Transit (LRT)	Steel wheel/steel rail transit constructed on city streets, semi-private ROW, or exclusive private ROW. Formerly known as streetcar or trolley car service, LRT's major advantage is operation in mixed street traffic at grade. The LRT vehicles can be coupled into trains, which require only one operator and often are used to provide express service.
Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)	The alternative selected through the major investment study (MIS) process completed prior to NEPA analysis.
Magnetic Levitation (MagLev) ¹	A rail transportation system with exclusive ROW that is propelled along a fixed guideway system by the attraction or repulsion of magnets on the rails and under the rail cars.
Maintenance Area	An air quality designation for a geographic area in which levels of a criteria air pollutant meet the health-based primary standard (National Ambient Air Quality Standards) for the pollutant. An area may have an acceptable level for one criteria air pollutant, but may have unacceptable levels for others. Maintenance/attainment areas are defined using federal pollutant limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
Maintenance Facility	A facility along a corridor used to clean, inspect, repair and maintain rail vehicles, as well as to store them when they are not in use.
Major Investment Study (MIS)	An alternatives analysis study process for proposed transportation investments, during which a wide range of alternatives are examined to produce a smaller set of alternatives that best meet the project transportation needs. The purpose of the study is to provide a framework for developing a package of potential solutions that can then be further analyzed during an EIS process.

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) ¹	The organization designated by local elected officials as being responsible for carrying out the urban transportation and other planning processes for an area.
Mitigation	Measures designed to lessen or eliminate the negative impacts resulting from a proposed project or action.
Modal Split ¹	A term that describes how many people use alternative forms of transportation. Frequently used to describe the percentage of people using private automobiles compared to the percentage using public transportation.
Mode	A particular form or method of travel distinguished by vehicle type, operation technology, and ROW separation from other traffic.
Monorail ¹	An electric railway in which a rail car or train of cars is suspended from or straddles a guideway formed by a single beam or rail. Most monorails are either heavy rail or automated guideway systems.
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) ¹	A comprehensive federal law requiring analysis of the environmental impacts of federal actions; also requires preparation of an EIS for major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.
New Starts ¹	Federal funding granted under Section 3(i) of the Federal Transit Act. These discretionary funds are made available for construction of a new fixed guideway system or extension of any existing fixed guideway system based on cost-effectiveness, alternatives analysis results, and the degree of local financial commitment.
No-Action Alternative	Future conditions of an area in the absence of a proposed project (i.e., what would happen if the project were not built).
Nonattainment Area ¹	Any geographic region the EPA has designated as not attaining the federal air quality standards for one or more air pollutants, such as ozone and carbon monoxide.
Off-Peak Period ¹	Non-rush periods of the day when travel activity is generally lower and less transit service is scheduled. Also called "base period."
park-n-Ride ¹	Designated parking areas for automobile drivers who then board transit vehicles from these locations.
Participating Agency	An agency that may have an interest in the project. These agencies are identified and contacted early-on in the project with an invitation to participate in the process. This is a broader category than "cooperating agency."
Passenger Miles ¹	The total number of miles traveled by passengers on transit vehicles; determined by multiplying the number of unlinked passenger trips times the average length of their trips.
Peak Hour	The hour of the day in which the maximum demand for transportation service is experienced (refers to private automobiles and transit vehicles).

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Peak Period ¹	Morning and afternoon time periods when transit riding is heaviest.
Peak/Base Ratio ¹	The number of vehicles operated in passenger service during the peak period divided by the number operated during the base period.
Personal Rapid Transit	This technology is designed to provide direct, non-stop service between specific origins and destinations. Personal rapid transit is an automated system of small vehicles that travel on elevated guideways and operate on demand without intermediate stops.
Preferred Alternative	An alternative that includes a major capital improvement project to address the problem under investigation. As part of the decision making process, the Preferred Alternative is compared against the No-Action Alternative from the standpoints of transportation performance, environmental consequences, cost-effectiveness, and funding considerations.
Record of Decision (ROD)	A written public record explaining why the lead agency has taken a particular course of action. The ROD follows the DEIS and FEIS.
Ridership ¹	The number of rides taken by people using a public transportation system in a given time period.
Ridesharing ¹	A form of transportation, other than public transit, in which more than one person shares the use of the vehicle, such as a van or car, to make a trip. Also known as carpooling or vanpooling.
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)	Passed by Congress, July 29, 2005 and signed by the President August 10, 2005. Includes new and revised program guidance and regulations (approximately 15 rulemakings) with planning requirements related to public participation, publication, and environmental considerations. SAFETEA-LU covers Fiscal Year 2005 through Fiscal Year 2009 with a total authorization of \$45.3 billion.
Scoping	The process of defining and refining the scope of an EIS and the alternatives to be investigated. The scoping process provides opportunities for input from the public and the various agencies.
Sky Tram ¹	This technology uses vehicles suspended from a cable. The cable is driven by a motor and moves the vehicle from station to station.
State Implementation Plan (SIP) ¹	A state plan mandated by the Clean Air Act Amendment that contains procedures to monitor, control, maintain, and enforce compliance with national standards for air quality.
Streetcar ¹	See light rail transit (LRT).

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Transit Development Plan	A 6-year long term financial plan for RTD that functions as the operating expense plan that is financially constrained and is updated/created every year. The first year of the plan is the basis for the next year's capital and expense budgets.
Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)	An initiative to build transit ridership, while discouraging sprawl, improving air quality, and helping to coordinate a new type of community for residents. Situated at or around transit stops, TODs are compact, mixed-use developments that are also referred to as transit oriented communities or transit villages.
Transit System ¹	An organization (public or private) providing local or regional multi-occupancy-vehicle passenger service. Organizations that provide service under contract to another agency are generally not counted as separate systems.
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	Strategies to attempt to reduce peak period automobile trips by encouraging the use of high occupancy modes through commuter assistance, parking incentives, and work policies that alter the demand for travel in a defined area in terms of the total volume of traffic, the use of alternative modes of travel, and the distribution of travel over different times of the day.
Transportation System Management (TSM)	A program designed to reduce travel demand and improve the use of the current transportation system. TSM strategies would help improve traffic flow on the existing transportation facilities.
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) ¹	A program of intermodal transportation projects to be implemented over several years, growing out of the planning process and designed to improve transportation in a community. This program is required as a condition of a locality receiving federal transit and highway grants.
Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987 (Uniform Act)	The Uniform Act provides important protections and assistance for people affected by federally funded projects. This law was enacted by Congress to ensure that people whose real property is acquired, or who move as a result of projects receiving federal funds, will be treated fairly and equitably, and will receive assistance in moving from the property they occupy.

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