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Dear East Corridor Stakeholder:

The East Corridor project team would like to provide you with an update on the progress of the East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the next steps in our process.

After working closely with the neighborhoods and agencies involved in the East Corridor, we have identified the Preferred Alternative as electric commuter rail, running from Denver Union Station (DUS) to Denver International Airport (DIA). The alignment for the preferred alternative would run in and along the existing Union Pacific (UP) Railroad corridor from DUS until it turned north at Airport Boulevard to DIA.

RTD and UP have been engaged in negotiations for several UP properties for RTD's FasTracks system, including portions of the East Corridor Preferred Alternative. As part of RTD's system-wide FasTracks negotiations with the railroad, UP presented RTD with a package of properties in early 2008 that was more than the FasTracks budget could accommodate.

To keep the East Corridor EIS on pace for its scheduled 2015 opening, we have decided to include in our upcoming draft an evaluation of potential refinements to the Preferred Alternative in the portions of the alignment where we would be on UP property between DUS and Quebec Street.

We are working to identify refinements to the UP alignment that would work best with the fewest impacts. These refinements will be evaluated using the same criteria the project team has developed in conjunction with the communities and stakeholders, and will receive the same environmental analysis as the Preferred Alternative.

We plan to complete our analysis later this year and publish the Draft EIS by early 2009.

The East Corridor EIS will share these potential refinements through its usual process. A series of public meetings will be held in July, including corridor-wide meetings scheduled for July 23 at Montbello Recreation Center and July 24 at Bruce Randolph Middle School. The corridor-wide meetings will be held from 5-7:30 p.m., with a presentation beginning at 6 p.m. Information about these meetings is available on the project website: www.eastcorridor.com.

Thank you for your continued involvement with the East Corridor EIS. We look forward to meeting with you as our work on planning and design of the East Corridor continues.

East Corridor Project Team