

# Presentation to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee

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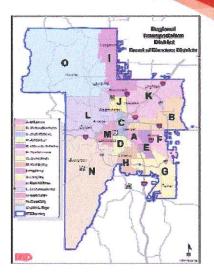
# **Agenda**



- Overview of RTD
- Cost Recovery/Productivity Ratios
- · Contracted Bus Service
- FasTracks Update

#### Service Area

- 8 counties or portions thereof:
- -Adams
- -Denver
- -Arapahoe
- -Douglas
- -Boulder
- -Jefferson
- -Broomfield
- -Weld
- 40 municipalities
- 2,348 square miles
- 2.8 million people (approximately 57% of Colorado population)



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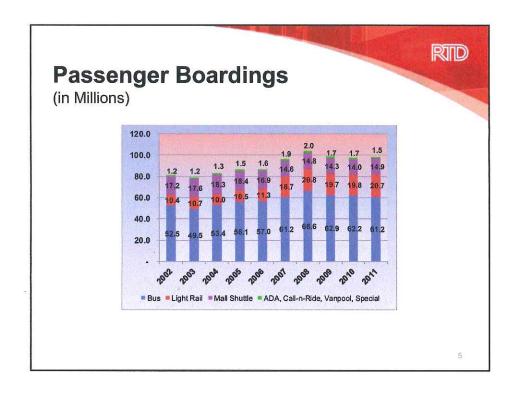
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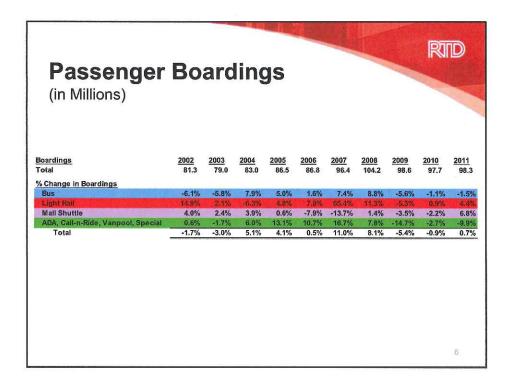
# Scope

- 98.3 million passengers in 2011
- 325,900 average weekday boardings
- 1,535 rolling stock vehicles
  - 969 buses
  - 172 light rail
  - 327 Access-a Ride
  - 42 Call-n-Ride
- 148 scheduled bus routes
- 9,698 bus stops

- 35 light rail track miles
- 74 Park-n-Rides
- Over 2,500 employees
- FasTracks
  - 93.4 miles of commuter rail
  - 28.2 miles of light rail
  - 18 miles bus rapid transit

  - 21,000 parking spaces Denver Union Station \$4.2 billion in projects currently under contract or under construction





# **Cost Recovery Ratio Calculation**

(SB 154 of 1989)

#### SB154 Revenue:

- · Farebox Revenue (exclusive of ADA)
- · Advertising Revenue
- Federal Operating Grants
- · Federal Formula Bus Grants
- · Other Operating Revenue
- Investment Income

#### SB154 Costs:

- Operating and Administrative Costs
- · Depreciation on Operations Assets
- · Excluding: ADA Costs

Rapid Transit Planning

Interest Payments on Rapid Transit Assets

Cost Recovery Ratio\* = SB154 Revenue/SB154 Costs

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# **Cost Recovery Ratios**

(SB 154 of 1989)

Year	Actual	Requirement	
2006	42.1%	30.0%	
2007	52.8%	30.0%	
2008	48.9%	30.0%	
2009	49.4%	30.0%	
2010	48.7%	30.0%	
2011	54.9%	30.0%	

<sup>\*</sup> See following page for Cost Recovery Ratios

# Operating Revenue Recovery Ratio Calculation

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#### **Operating Revenue:**

- · Farebox Revenue (exclusive of ADA)
- · Advertising Revenue
- · Other Operating Revenue

#### Costs

- · Operating and Administrative Costs
- · Depreciation on Operations Assets
- · Excluding: ADA Costs

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#### Operating Revenue Recovery Ratio\* = Operating Revenue/Costs

\* See following page for Operating Revenue Recovery Ratios and Farebox Revenue Recovery Ratios

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# Revenue Recovery Ratios



Year	All Operating  Revenue <sup>1</sup>	Farebox Revenue	
2006	20.0%	19.0%	
2007	21.5%	20.3%	
2008	22.9%	21.6%	
2009	25.9%	24.8%	
2010	30.0%	28.8%	
2011	29.7%	28.5%	

<sup>1</sup> Includes farebox, advertising and other operating revenue

# **Contracted Bus Service Summary**



- 57.6% of RTD bus services are operated by private contractors
- · Contracted services include:
  - Fixed route = 46.6% contracted
  - access-a-Ride = 100% contracted
  - call-n-Ride = 100% contracted
- RTD may statutorily contract up to 58% of bus services

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# The RTD FasTracks Plan 122 miles of new light rail and commuter rail 18 miles of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service 31 new park-n-Rides; over 21,000 new spaces Enhanced Bus Network & Transit Hubs (FastConnects) Redevelopment of Denver Union Station Solvent Production of Transit Oriented Communities opportunities

## FasTracks Guiding Principles

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- Ensure every step contributes to the full vision
- Focus money available to the greatest good
- · Spend public money wisely
- Maximize outside funding before going to taxpayers
- Deliver key investments in all corridors



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#### **FasTracks Status**

- 81 miles of new rail and bus transit currently in construction or about to begin construction
- · West Rail Line 93% complete
- Denver Union Station 63% complete
- East Rail Line/Gold Line (EAGLE)
   property acquisitions and utility
   relocations underway
- I-225 Line construction of first segment (Nine Mile to Iliff) underway
- U.S. 36 BRT construction of express lanes is underway





#### **West Rail Line**

- 12.1-mile Light Rail Project, terminates at JeffCo Government Center
- 12 Stations and 4,959 new parking spaces
- Revenue Operation Date: 4/26/2013
- · Overall Project Completion 95%
- Construction Completion 95%
- In August, RTD successfully completed the cutover at Colfax to CPV line to Sports Authority Field @ Mile High & Pepsi Center. This is RTD's most challenging cutover to date.
- Successfully opened the newly completed Federal Center Station in Lakewood, increasing parking access from 646 spaces to 1,000.







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# **West Rail Economic Impacts**

- Through December 2011, RTD West Rail Line added more than \$295 million to the local economy
  - DTCG Wages Paid
- \$39 million
- · Equipment, services and supplies
- \$73 million

Subcontractors

- \$183 million
- At the height of construction, employee numbers reached more than 600 people
   More than 85 percent are hired locally.
- · DTCG is directly conducting business with 550 businesses/vendors
- 94 percent of these business have local offices.
- Contractors on the West Rail Line employ local certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)
  - Forecasted to exceed 18 percent participation goal by at least 3 percent
  - DTCG has subcontracted to more than 70 firms who employ crews and purchase supplies from local distributors

#### **Denver Union Station Status**

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- \$480 million project
- Multimodal hub integrating light rail, commuter rail, Amtrak, buses, taxis, shuttles, bikes and pedestrians
- Partners include RTD, Colorado Dept. of Transportation, City and County of Denver, Denver Regional Council of Governments, Master Developer
- RTD negotiating contract for redevelopment of historic building
  - Boutique hotel, restaurants, retail
- Transit hub will open in 2014





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# **Eagle P3 Project**

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- Includes East Rail Line, Gold Line, a segment of Northwest Rail (to south Westminster) and commuter rail maintenance facility
- Project Funding \$2.1 billion
  - \$1.03 billion funded by federal grant
  - Nearly \$500 million in private equity funding
- East Rail Line groundbreaking Aug. 2010; Gold Line Aug. 2011
- Northwest Rail groundbreaking June 2012
- Opening scheduled in 2016



## **Eagle P3 Project**

- First transit P3 of this magnitude in the U.S.
- · RTD retains ownership of assets
- · Availability payment model
- · 34-year contract
  - 6 years design/build
  - 28 years operate/maintain
- Concessionaire agreement includes incentives and penalties
- More public entities are turning to P3s to build out their projects







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# I-225 Light Rail Line



- 10 1/2 mile light rail extension
- 8 stations
- Starts at existing Nine Mile Station
- · Serves the Aurora City Center
- Serves the Anschutz / Fitzsimons Campus
- Provides additional mobility to military veterans and transit dependents
- Provides regional connectivity to East Commuter Rail Line at the Peoria Station

### **I-225 Unsolicited Proposal**

- March 8 RTD received an unsolicited proposal from Kiewit Infrastructure Company for the I-225 Light Rail Project
- May 8 RTD advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide a Design-Build approach to construct the I-225 Rail Line beyond the Iliff Station with a financial solution that is within RTD's financial capacity
- June 14 RTD received competitive bids from two teams:
  - Kiewit Infrastructure
  - Balfour Beatty/Ames JV
- · July 3 Staff recommends the Kiewit proposal to the RTD Board
- July 24 RTD Board formally approves Kiewit proposal

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# **Kiewit Proposal Highlights**

- Constructs entire I-225 corridor to Peoria Station by November 2015
- Opens to public in mid-2016
- A lump sum \$350 million design-build contract
- Incorporates Alternative Technical Concepts that reduce cost
- Right-of-Way (ROW) team includes local companies
- · Excellent project safety record, well beyond industry averages
- Extensive design-build experience with proven history of success; including T-REX and DUS
- Proven design and construction management approaches
- Proposes to exceed the 25% SBE and 8% WIN goals

# **Benefits of Completing** I-225 Now

- Kiewit's hard bid came in under our internal estimate and allows us to complete an entire corridor.
- The contractor's completion date ties in ideally with the opening of the East Corridor to the airport.
- · Provides regional connectivity:
  - To DIA and to the Anschutz/Fitzsimons Medical Campus including the VA Hospital, which will serve approximately 60,000 military veterans and their families
- Taking advantage of the I-225 opportunity contributes to the completion of the whole FasTracks vision.

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US 36 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

- Phase I Transit Improvements began in 2005; completed in 2010
  - McCaslin Park-n-Ride and pedestrian bridge
  - Church Ranch Park-n-Ride
  - Broomfield Park-n-Ride and bridge
  - Slip ramps/bus pullouts
- Combined improvements shave 15 minutes each way for Denver-Boulder bus commuters
- Express lanes under construction
  - Complete January 2015



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#### Other Project Updates/ Hot Button Items

- North Metro
  - Final design to 72<sup>nd</sup> to begin this summer
- Southeast Extension
  - RTD beginning federal New Starts grant application process
- Central Extension
  - Streetcar study continues
- Southwest Extension
  - Relocation of Union Pacific track is next step
- Northwest Rail
  - Groundbreaking held on first segment to Westminster
  - RTD is evaluating how to address mobility and accessibility in Northwest area via a study
- US36 BRT
  - Fulfill RTD remaining commitment in the future as funds become available



## **Opportunities for Acceleration**

- Successful future sales tax election
  - Potential RTD initiative
  - Potential RTD/CDOT initiative
- Better than expected sales tax revenues
- Additional grants, unsolicited proposals or public-private partnerships
- Current construction projects completed under budget
- Partnering with our stakeholders to make every dollar count through
  - Early agreement on project scope and no additional changes during construction
  - Timely reviews and permit approvals
  - Maximizing opportunities for local match

# Workforce Initiative Now (WIN)

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- Collaborative partnership led by RTD, in conjunction with Community College of Denver, Denver Transit Partners, and Urban League of Metro Denver
- Leverages existing training providers to identify, assess, train and place community members, including military veterans, into careers in transportation and mixed-use development projects
- RTD's FasTracks program provides a starting point on the Eagle P3 Project



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## **FasTracks by the Numbers**



- 81 miles of new rail and bus transit are currently in construction or under contract to begin construction
- \$2 B Number of dollars injected into the local economy by end of 2011
- 7,000 Average number of jobs that will be created annually during peak construction
  - 600 Number of estimated jobs on the West Rail Line
- 2,500 Number of direct and indirect jobs created during Eagle P3 construction
- \$1.5 B Estimated amount of federal funds to be received
- **\$150 M** Amount per year in wages and salaries that FasTracks is estimated to add to the metro Denver economy once construction is complete
  - \$4.2 B Project totals, currently under construction or under contract

# **FasTracks Moving Forward**



- RTD Board has decided not to pursue sales tax election at this time
- Continue to implement \$4.2 billion in investments across the region
- RTD will continue to aggressively pursue alternative funding for FasTracks (grants, public-private partnerships, unsolicited proposals)
- · Further define the northwest area mobility plan
- RTD is committed to completing the entire FasTracks program

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## Questions?