

Northwest Rail Starter Service Longmont TAB

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Background

- Recognizing RTD's inability to secure full funding for Northwest Rail Corridor as envisioned in FasTracks Plan
 - Cost for full corridor/full service estimated to be \$1.1 to \$1.5 billion (in \$2013)
- RTD has evaluated constructing corridor in segments; however, this option has numerous challenges
- Longmont City Council requested RTD to evaluate initiating a rush-hour only service
- RTD has been working with local governments to study this proposal

Background

- Northwest Rail Corridor is only rail corridor where RTD has been unable to fully purchase the right-of-way
- Right-of-way owned by BNSF Railway Company
- Any passenger rail service must accommodate BNSF's freight operations

Intent of Proposal

- Extend B-Line Rail Service from Westminster to Longmont
- Limit impact to BNSF freight service
- Limit station and right-of-way costs
- Introduce useful service

Intent of Proposal

- Service:
 - Three trains from Longmont to Denver in the a.m.
 - Three trains from Denver to Longmont in the p.m.
- Stations:
 - Downtown Longmont (1st and Main)
 - Boulder Junction
 - Downtown Louisville
 - Flatiron
 - Broomfield (116th Avenue)
 - Westminster (88th Avenue)
 - Westminster (currently in operation)
 - Union Station (currently in operation)

Ridership

- Travel Time:
 - Downtown Longmont to Union Station: 66 minutes
- Estimated Ridership:
 - 1,400 Average Daily Weekday Ridership

Estimated Costs

- Capital Costs
 - \$117M
- Operating Costs
 - \$12 to \$15M annually

Capital*	
Item	Cost
Vehicles	\$48,000,000
Stations	\$34,058,700
Track Infrastructure DUS	\$ 1,202,000
Maintenance Facility	\$33,889,700
Total	\$117,150,400
*Does not include cost of BNSF infrastructure upgrades and operating slots, nor does estimate include costs for needed right-of-way.	
O&M	
Annual RTD Vehicle Operations & Maintenance*	\$14,000,000
*Does not include potential BNSF O&M fees.	

Outstanding Questions

- BNSF Costs
 - RTD has requested feedback from BNSF on proposal
 - Currently awaiting response
- Right-of-Way Costs
 - Working with local jurisdictions to work through right-of-way costs

Questions?

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