

Help Us Fix U.S. 36

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) recently submitted an application to receive funds available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus Livability Grant. RTD is seeking federal funds to procure up to twenty Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses to replace intercity buses that have far exceeded their useful life with more fuel efficient and clean BRT specific buses. U.S. 36 BRT Bus Procurement Project will also complement the completion of Phase 1 BRT Improvements on U.S. 36, scheduled for May 2010.

The BRT vehicles would replace a portion of the current B Route, a successful RTD route which travels along U.S. 36 between Denver and Boulder. The existing fleet used on the B route includes 49 intercity buses that are shared among several routes. These buses were originally purchased in 1998 and have an average mileage between 900,000 and 1.3 million miles and were originally programmed for replacement during the 2010 funding cycle. Due to fiscal constraints facing RTD, replacement has been postponed until at least 2013.

These improvements will continue to broaden the appeal of the U.S. 36 BRT system and is critical to realize RTD's livability goals that would not otherwise be possible. These funds are additionally important as our region struggles with financing the full vision of FasTracks, which is critical to the future growth and viability of the Denver region.

I urge you to take action by joining the Help Us Fix U.S. 36 campaign, a grassroots effort to raise awareness and win funding for necessary U.S. 36 transportation improvements. Visit 36commutingsolutions.org to get started.

Sincerely,

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