

# **Colfax Avenue Bus Rapid Transit**

## **Denver, Colorado**

### **Small Starts Project Development**

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The Regional Transportation District (RTD) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in the 9.9-mile-long corridor between Denver Union Station in downtown Denver to the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. RTD expects the project will include 5.5 miles of dedicated lanes, a total of 31 stations with level boarding and off-board fare collection, and would also feature transit signal priority, BRT branding, improved pedestrian and bicycle access, and street improvements, including drainage and utility upgrades. The project's current estimated capital cost is between \$200 and \$300 million. RTD has not yet determined how much they will seek from the Small Starts program.

RTD believes the project will improve transit operations and travel time in the corridor, which will in turn attract new transit riders, reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, increase multi-modal connectivity, and encourage transit-oriented development near stations.

RTD selected BRT as the locally preferred alternative in July 2017, and it was included in the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in April 2021. RTD anticipates completing the environmental review process by May 2022, receiving a Small Starts construction grant by early 2024, and beginning revenue service by early 2028.



