

# 15L Route Improvements Fact Sheet



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The RTD bus routes 15 and 15 Limited (15L) that travel along East Colfax serve more passengers per day than any other bus corridor in the RTD system. There are two projects in the works that will transform the future of transit on East Colfax and provide enhancements to better serve RTD riders.

### 15L ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (NEAR-TERM)

- The 15L Route Improvements project is an RTD-led grant-funded effort to improve stops and the operation of the 15L.
- The project will provide a short-term opportunity to improve transit on Colfax while working towards a long-term goal of implementing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the corridor.
- The 15L Route Improvements Project will be approximately \$11 million, paid out over a four year period.
- The project includes a participatory design process that adopts input gathered from the public and stakeholders at several meetings.

### COLFAX CORRIDOR CONNECTIONS (LONG-TERM)

- The Colfax Corridor Connections project is a study conducted by the City and County of Denver on transit and mobility within the East Colfax Corridor.
- The Colfax Corridor Connections project's goal is to improve transit, overall mobility and livability within the corridor now and over the next 25 years with BRT.
- Key elements of BRT will include bus-only lanes during peak hours, branded buses, frequent service, an exclusive lane to allow right-turning vehicles and a general purpose lane replaced by an exclusive lane.
- The City and County of Denver has identified BRT on Colfax as a top priority for the city and are exploring funding opportunities to implement the BRT project in the 2020 timeframe.
- All of the 15L Route Improvement project elements will be incorporated into the BRT.

### 15L ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

#### Bus Stop Enhancements:

- ⇒ Security Cameras
- ⇒ Enhanced shelters with trash cans and seating
- ⇒ Improved lighting

#### Operational Improvements:

- ⇒ Bus Bulbs (curb extensions)
- ⇒ Queue-bypass lanes
- ⇒ Transit signal priority
- ⇒ Relocate stops to the far-side of the intersection

### 15L ROUTE FAST FACTS

- Service from Auraria Campus to Anschutz Medical Campus
- Service frequency: Peak—6-10 minutes, mid-day—10 minutes, evening/early or late service—15-30 minutes
- Average daily weekday ridership: 12,500 boardings
- Less frequent stops providing a faster travel time than the Route 15

