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Burnham Yard Redevelopment – Staff Update

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Outline



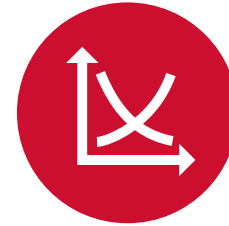
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Burnham Yard Development

Project Overview

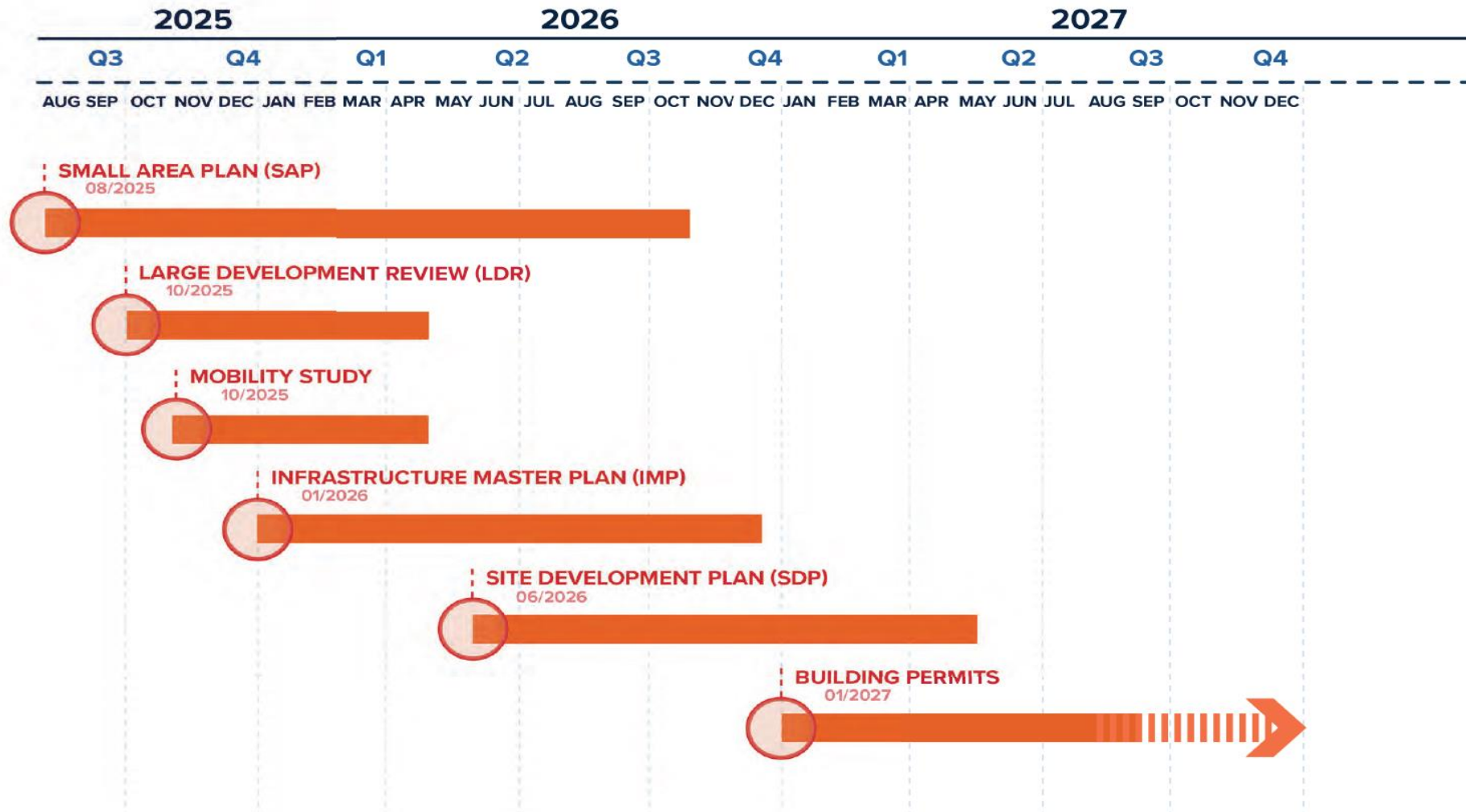
- Retractable roof stadium
- Mixed-use community
- Stadium district
- Regional mobility



Key Stakeholders and Partners

- **Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)** – regional transportation coordination
- **City and County of Denver (CCD)** – land use planning, zoning, and economic development
- **RTD** – property ownership, transit operations, and infrastructure considerations
- **Regional planning and private development partners**
- **Class I railroads** – freight and rail corridor considerations
 - **Colorado Public Utilities Commission** – Rail safety regulations

Timeline and Current Planning Status



Multimodal Opportunities

■ Potential Integration with Transit

- Strengthens connectivity within RTD's transit network
- Serves as a multimodal transfer point
- Proximity to existing rail corridors and key bus service areas



Multimodal Opportunities (cont'd)

■ Connectivity

- Integration of bus, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure to support seamless mobility options
- Enhance first-mile/last-mile access
- Connections to surrounding neighborhoods, employment centers, and local/regional destinations



Multimodal Opportunities (cont'd)

■ Regional Mobility

- Supports long-term mobility and congestion mitigation strategies

■ Planning Alignment

- Consistency with regional planning initiatives led by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- Supports transit-oriented development and integrated transportation planning





Operational Overview

Engagement and Coordination

- Staff are actively participating in biweekly Project Leadership Team meetings to support the Burnham Yard Small Area Plan
- Participating in coordination meetings for the Mobility Study to review assumptions, modeling inputs, and potential transit impacts
- Monthly executive-level coordination meetings are occurring between RTD and city leadership to discuss project direction and major policy considerations

Planning Processes Underway

- CCD is advancing the Burnham Yard Small Area Plan, with community engagement and advisory committee meetings continuing through 2026
 - In parallel, the developer has submitted a Large Development Review (LDR) application and Preliminary Infrastructure Master Plan for review
- A mobility study is also underway to evaluate transportation impacts

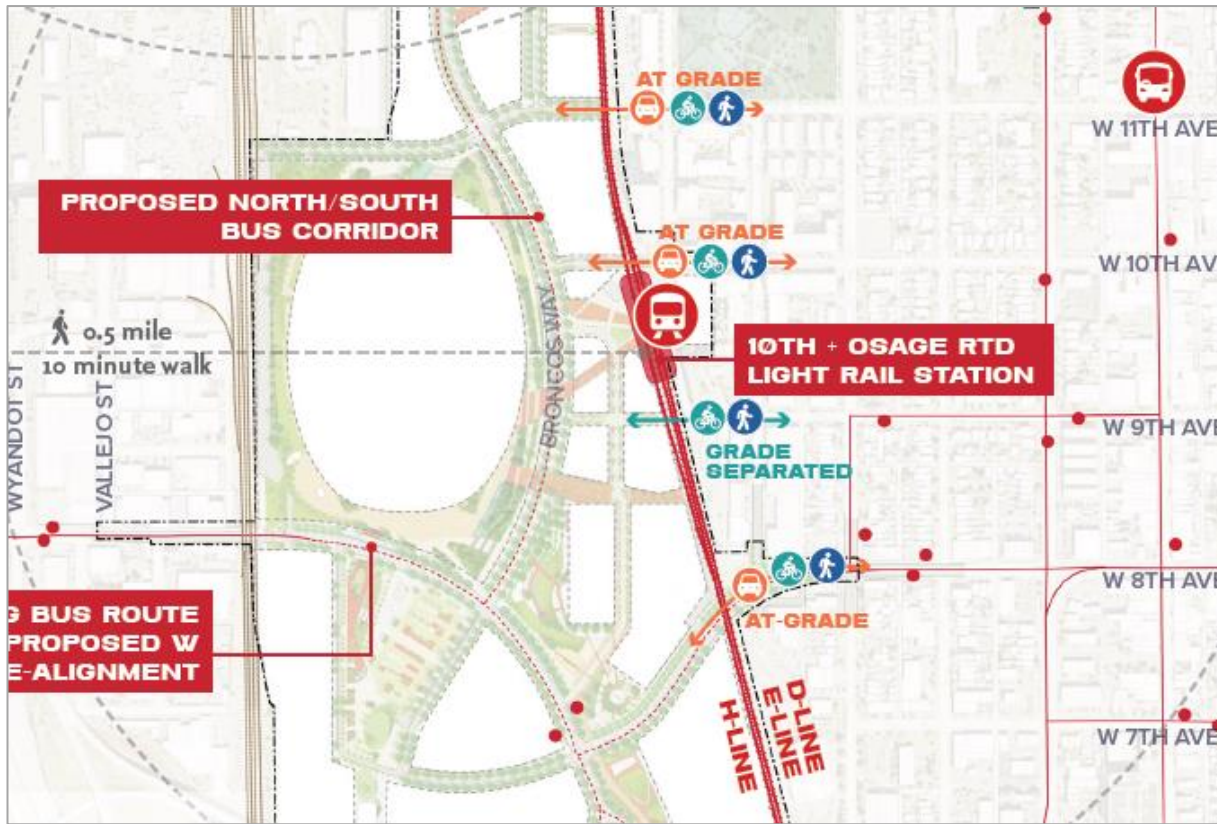
Recent Coordination Highlights

- Community engagement meetings have drawn significant public participation
- Multiple planning efforts are advancing concurrently:
 - Small Area Plan development
 - LDR process
 - Mobility and traffic analysis
- RTD requested and secured participation in mobility study assumption discussions
 - Ensures transit operations and infrastructure considerations are incorporated early

Near-Term Milestones

- CCD mobility group review of assumptions and modeling inputs
- Development of CCD comments on the Preliminary Infrastructure Master Plan
- Continued review of mobility modeling and circulation assumptions
 - Event traffic and site access

Transit Circulation: Everyday



Transit Circulation: Rail Crossing Alterations

Transit Circulation - Rail Crossing Alterations

EXISTING RAIL CROSSINGS (UNCHANGED)

- W 13th Ave + Heavy Rail (A)
- W 8th Ave Crossing + Heavy Rail (A)
- W 6th Ave Crossing + RTD Light Rail
- 3 Existing Rail Crossings (Unchanged)

ELIMINATED RAIL CROSSINGS

- Shoshone St + Heavy Rail
- Rio Ct + Heavy Rail
- W 13th Ave + RTD Light Rail (B)
- W 13th Ave + Heavy Rail (C)
- W 3rd Ave + Heavy Rail
- 4 Eliminated Rail Crossings (+ 5 Additional Rail Crossings south of Burnham Yard)**

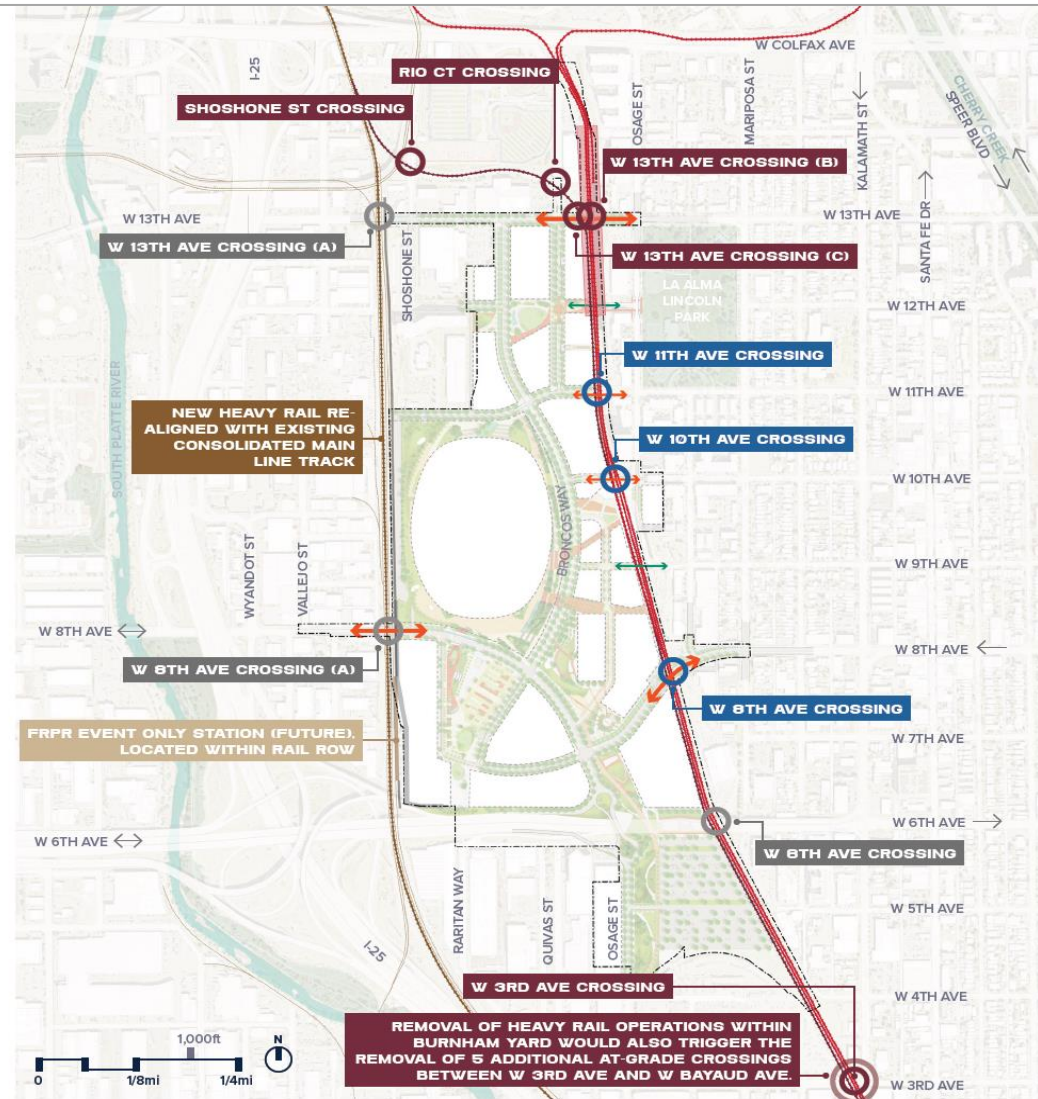
PROPOSED RAIL CROSSINGS

- W 11th Ave + RTD Light Rail
- W 10th Ave + RTD Light Rail
- W 8th Ave + RTD Light Rail
- 3 Proposed Rail Crossings**

-1 (or -6) NET RAIL CROSSINGS PROPOSED

Legend

- IMP Boundary
- Heavy Rail Track
- Heavy Rail Track (to be removed)
- Heavy Rail Track Re-alignment
- FRPR Event Only Station Platform (future)
- Rail Access Road
- Service Drive / Fire Lane
- Major Crossing
- Pedestrian + Bicycle Crossing
- RTD Light Rail
- RTD Light Rail Elevated Bridge



Potential Risks to RTD's Assets

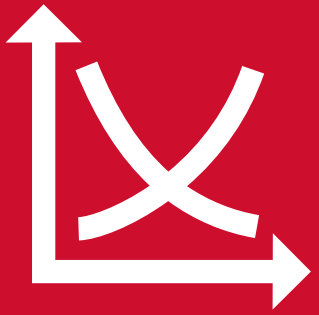
- Protection of agency's owned assets
- Construction impacts to service
- Operational access and staging
- Long-term system capacity



Strategic Considerations

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- **Transit Integration** – connect bus, rail, and active transportation with the regional mobility network
- **Operational Impacts** – potential effects on rail operations, bus routing, and service reliability during construction and event conditions
- **Infrastructure Preservation** – preserve existing operational and maintenance facilities and operational access for future service delivery
- **Mobility and Access Planning** – manage event travel demand, customer ingress/egress flows, and first/last-mile connectivity
- **Funding and Regional Coordination** – identify funding opportunities and coordinate with CCD, DRCOG, and CDOT to advance transit improvements associated with the site



Project Next Steps

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1. Continue participation in biweekly Project Leadership Team and Mobility Study coordination sessions
2. Maintain engagement in monthly executive coordination meetings and align on key decisions and milestones
3. Review and respond to upcoming LDR and Preliminary Infrastructure Master Plan milestones
4. Advance focused analysis of rail, bus, and event service impacts, including operational constraints, safety considerations, and infrastructure needs
5. Coordinate with DRCOG and CDOT on regional alignment and funding opportunities
6. Provide regular updates to the Board as the project advances

Thank you.

