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transit revitalization plan

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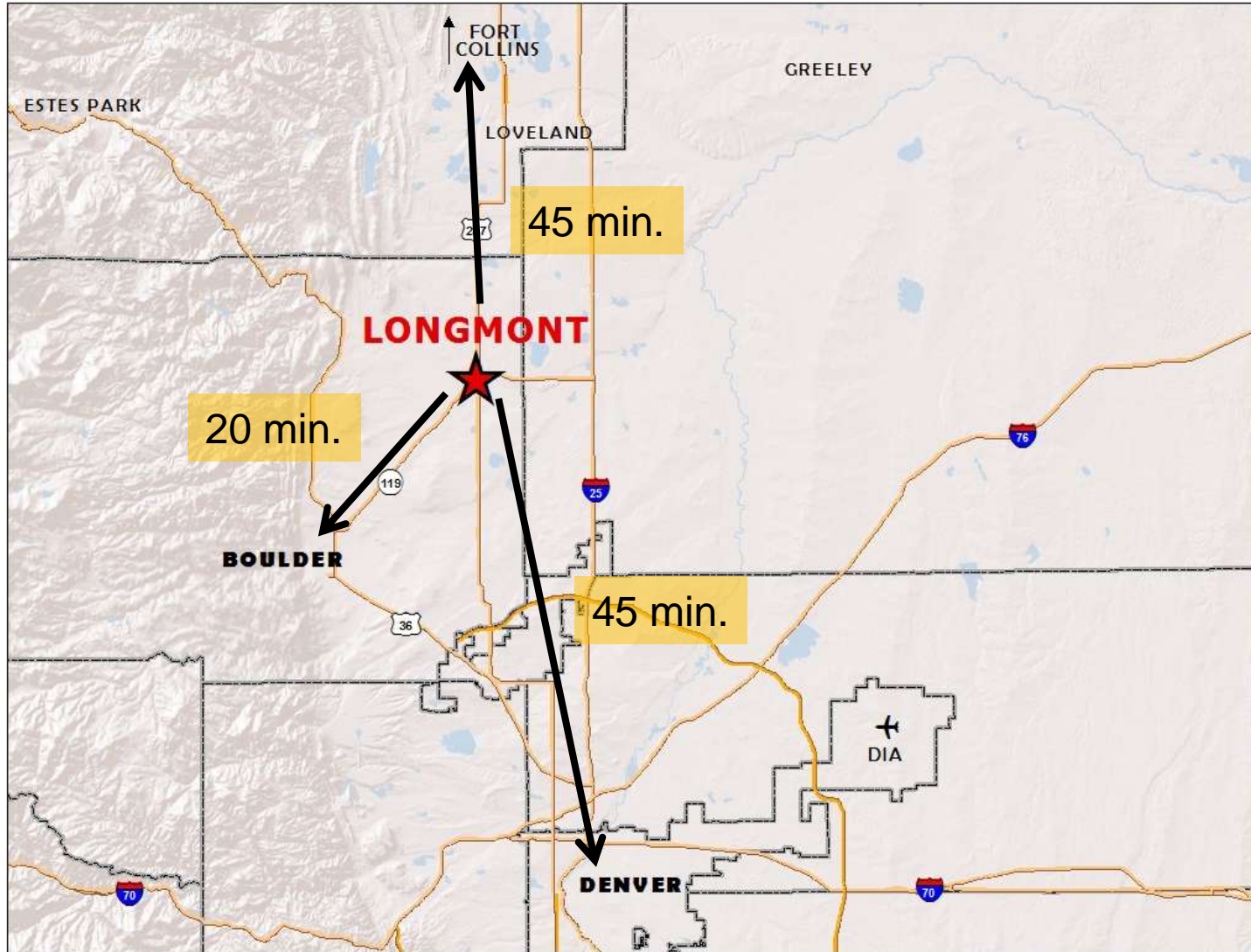
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Three Key Take Aways from Today's Presentation:

- Need for good transit at a TOD site regardless of mode
- Redevelopment must be viable regardless of intensity or timing of the transit investment
- Codify/rezone properties in development areas regardless of the 'promise' of redevelopment
- Be flexible (regardless)!

| Project Overview

Where is Longmont?





Project History

- FasTracks passes (2004)
- Longmont Diagonal Rail Feasibility Study and TOD Analysis (2005)
- RTD adds Downtown Longmont as “official” station
- Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation (2008-2010)



Delay of north FasTracks line irks legislators

8/17/2012
 By Peter Marcus
 THE COLORADO STATESMAN
 Democratic Rep. Matt Jones, Transportation District of Longmont.

Jones is outraged that segments of the voter-approved Denver metro areas, which stretch from Denver to Longmont.

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The Associated Press

DENVER—Cities north of failure to extend passenger rail service. The Denver Post reported that Broomfield counties have collected revenue RTD has collected.

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Boulder County leaders mull possible FasTracks delay until 2042

By Laura Snider
 Camera Staff Writer
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Correction: The total amount to complete the FasTracks program by 2019 is \$6.7 billion, and the current shortfall is \$2 billion.

Seven years after Boulder County voters approved a sales tax that promised to connect them to Denver via passenger train, residents are still paying -- 4 cents on every \$10 purchase -- but the train may not chug into stations in Louisville, Boulder, Gunbarrel and Longmont for another three decades.

When the Regional Transportation District asked voters to support its FasTracks vision in 2004, backers promised that 119 miles of new rail would be built through nine corridors in the Denver-metro area by 2017, including the Northwest Rail Corridor, which would connect Denver's Union Station to

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- Broomfield attendees divided on FasTracks
- Boulder, rest of U.S. 36 corridor struggle with FasTracks future
- Boulder sees influence on FasTracks

LEGEND

- Proposed FasTracks Station
- Proposed FasTracks Station to be built by Gold Line
- Proposed unfunded station
- Preferred Alternative (Double track from Denver to Longmont)
- Project Study Area



Project History

- Due to FasTracks delays, RTD now proposes to build initial park-n-Ride, to serve buses initially, at station site
- \$17 million commitment from RTD FasTracks to build station
- Use this transit investment as catalyst for redevelopment of station area regardless of mode
- Station Area Plan critical



Project Goals

- Analyze station area
- Conduct community visioning
- Conduct market study
- Develop land use strategies
- Evaluate existing infrastructure
- Provide implementation strategies for station area
- Develop Transit Strategic Plan



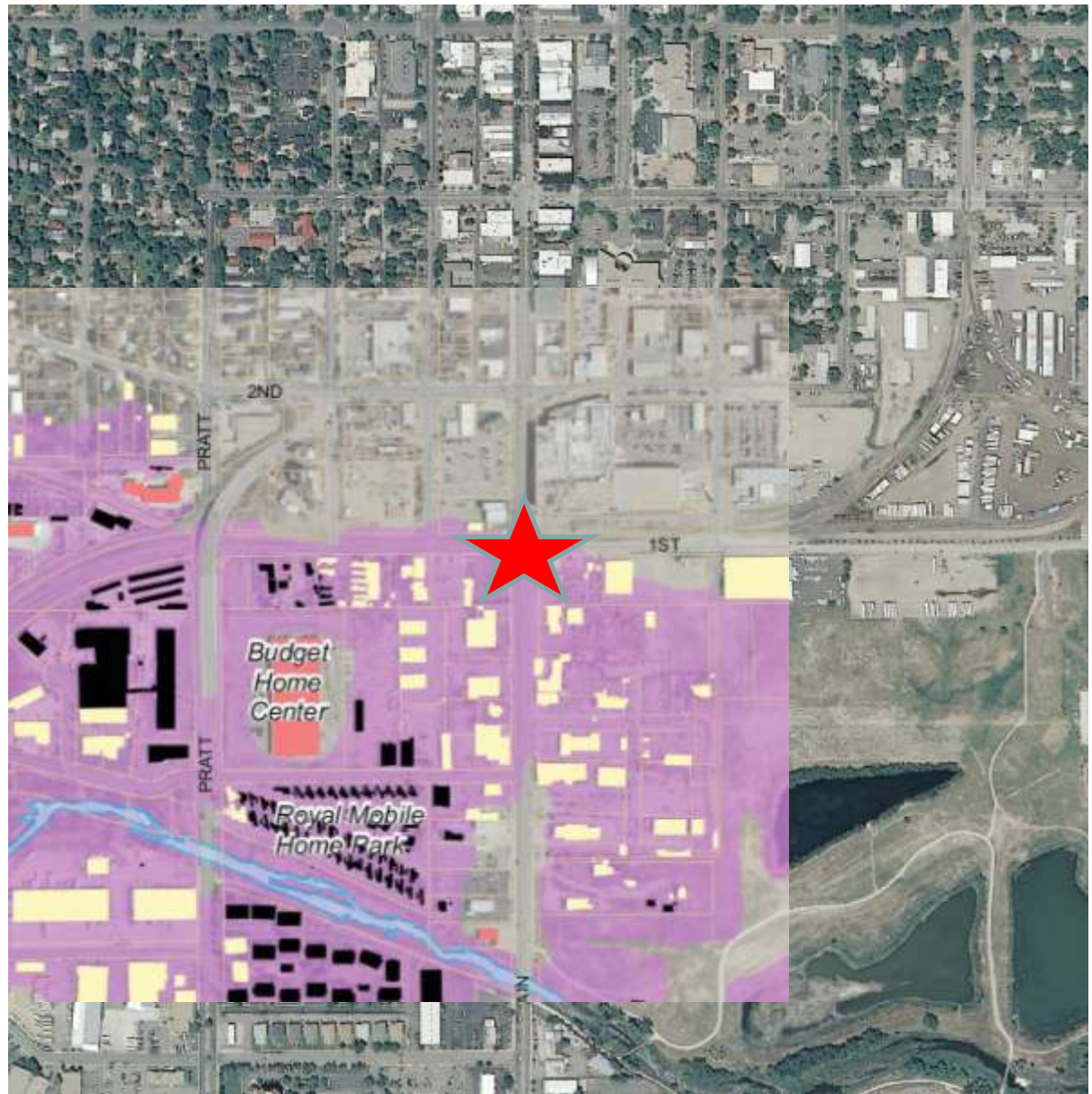
Study Area



Study Area Key Issues



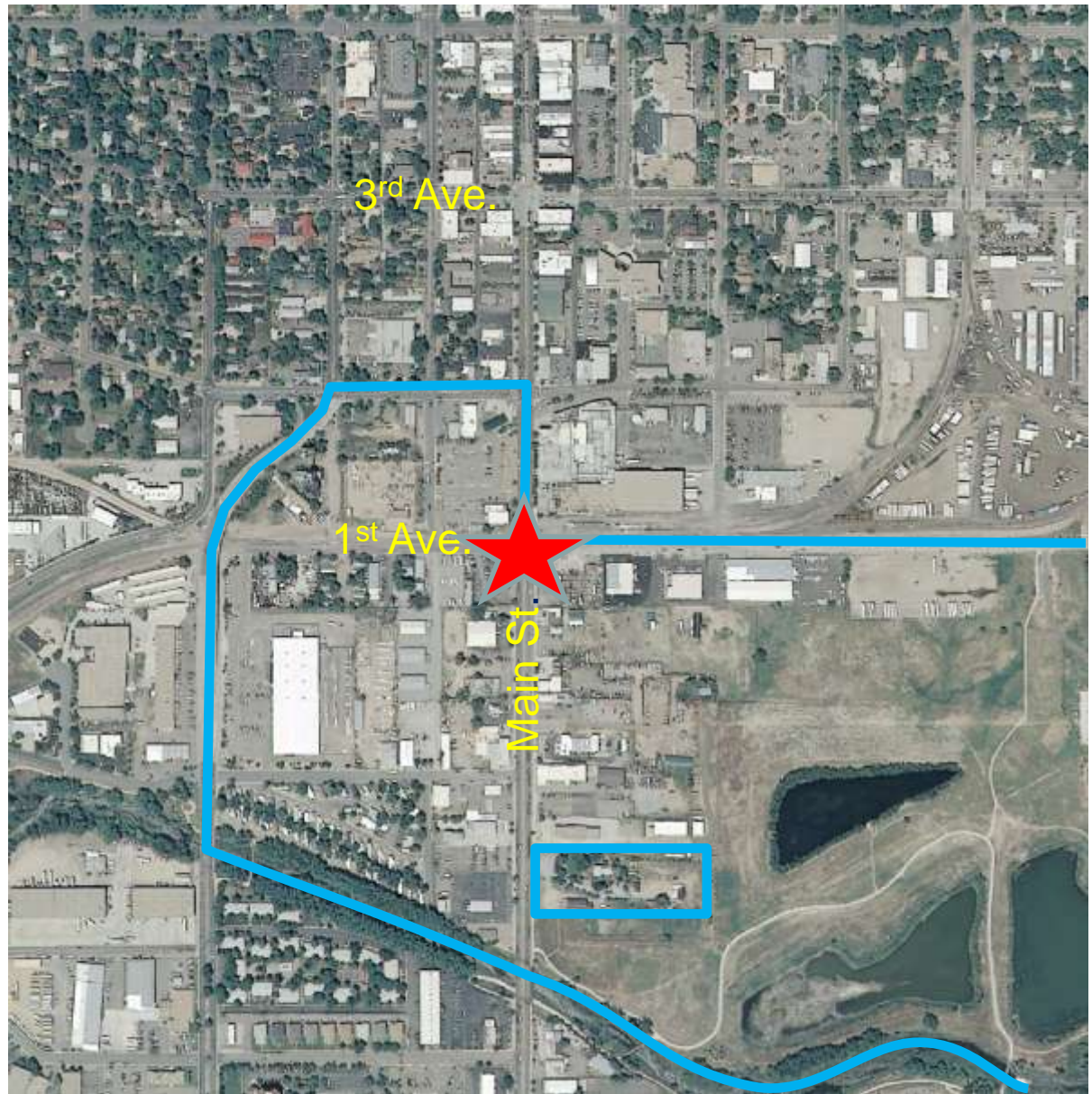
Study Area Key Issues: Floodplain



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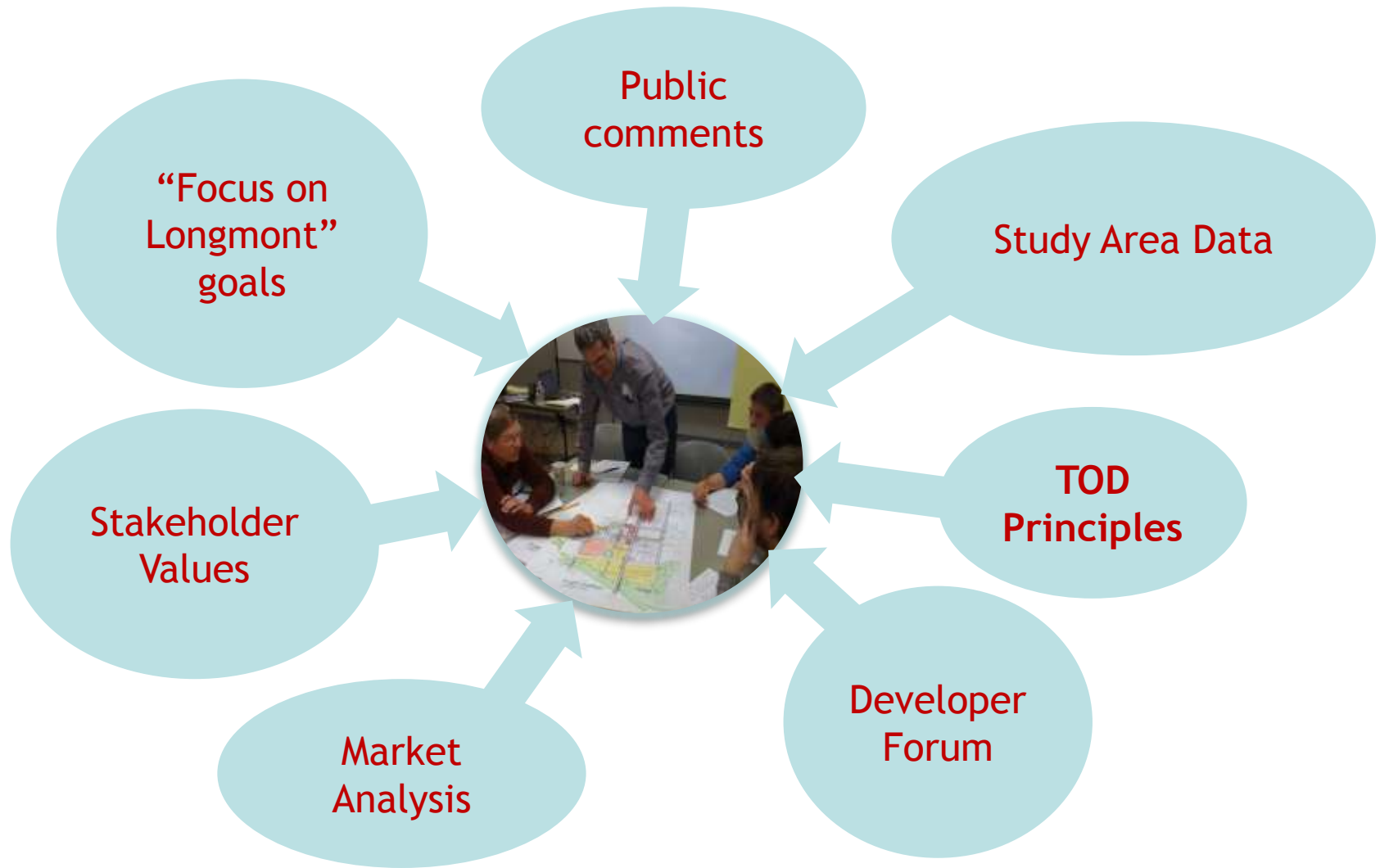
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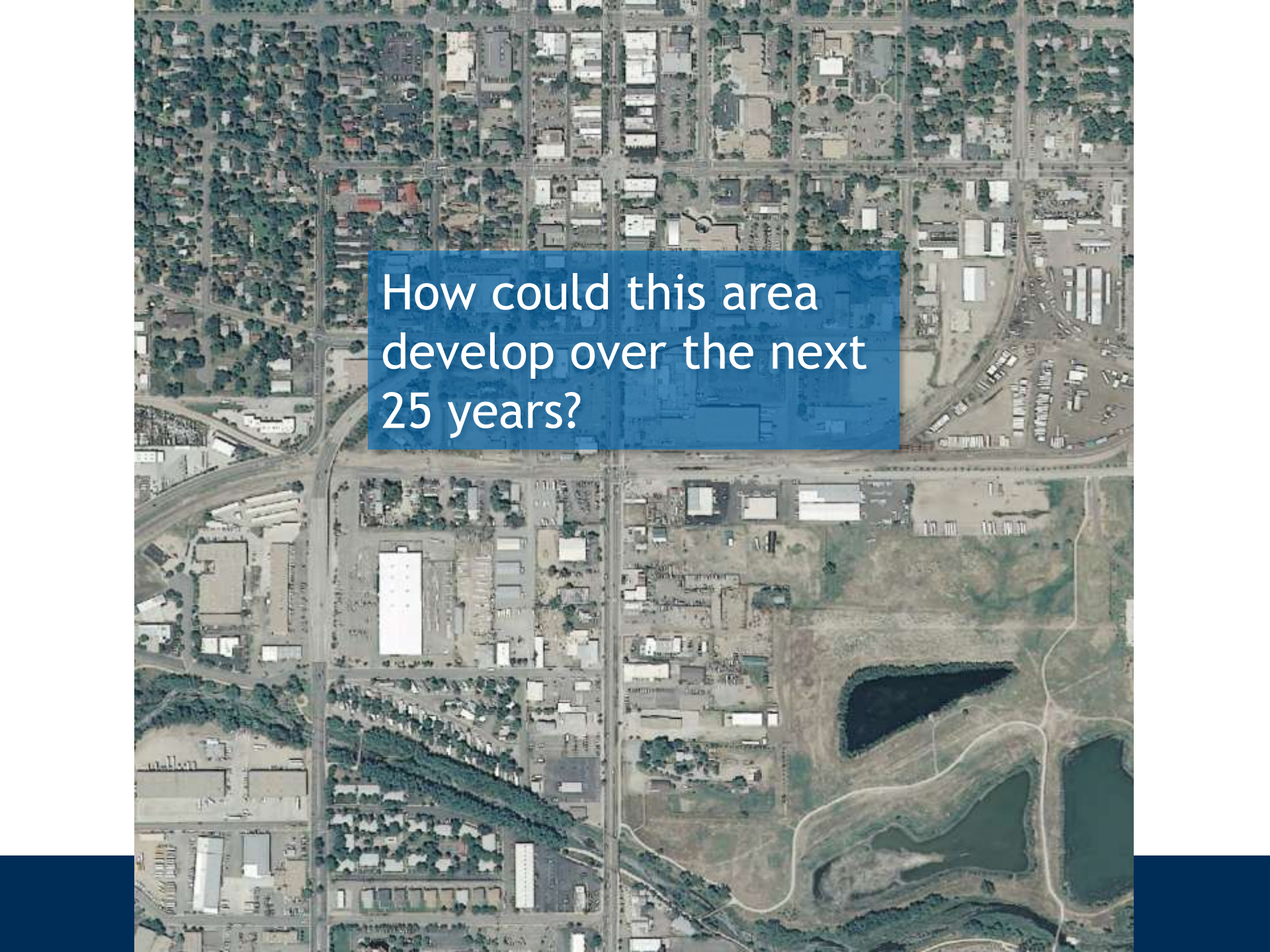
Urban Renewal Area



| Key Elements

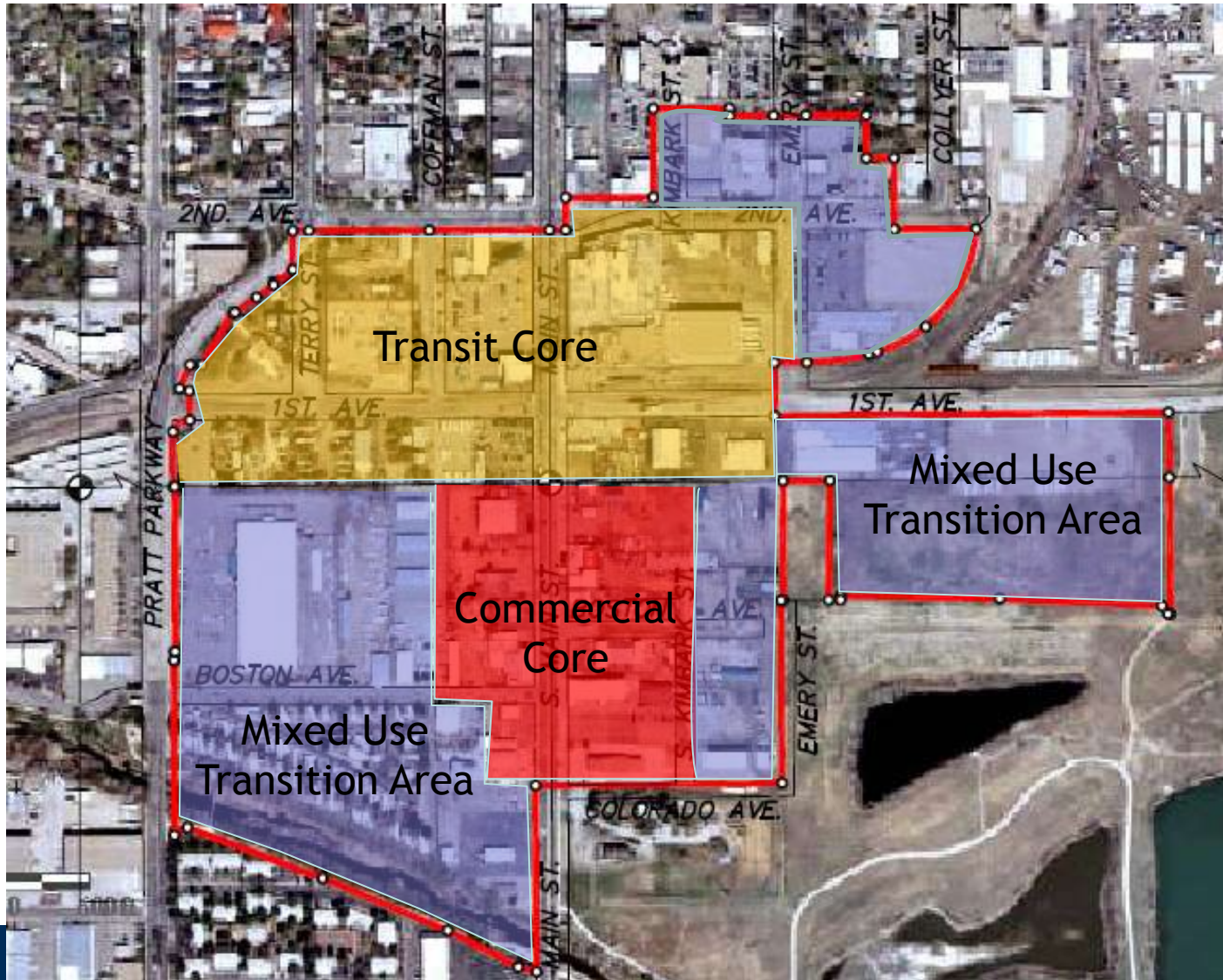
Inputs into Development of Concept Plans



An aerial photograph of a suburban area. The top half shows a dense residential neighborhood with many houses and trees. The bottom half shows a mix of commercial buildings, parking lots, and a golf course with several ponds. A blue semi-transparent text box is overlaid in the center, containing the text "How could this area develop over the next 25 years?".

How could this area
develop over the next
25 years?

Where is new zoning proposed?



| Lessons Learned

■ Make sure the development will work regardless of the timing, nature, and intensity of the transit investment

■ Flexibility

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DENVER—Cities north of Denver are angry over the Regional Transportation District's failure to extend passenger rail lines their way.

The Denver Post reported Sunday (<http://tinyurl.com/95wu18x>) that Boulder, Adams and Broomfield counties have contributed \$243 million of the approximately \$1 billion in tax revenue RTD has collected for the FasTracks passenger rail program since 2005.

While FasTracks projects in the east and west parts of the district are under way, work hasn't started on the projected 41-mile Northwest Rail Line. RTD now says that without more revenue, the line might not be completed until 2044, 24 years later than projected.

RTD blames low tax revenues and rising costs, including higher-than-expected fees to use Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight lines for the northwest service.

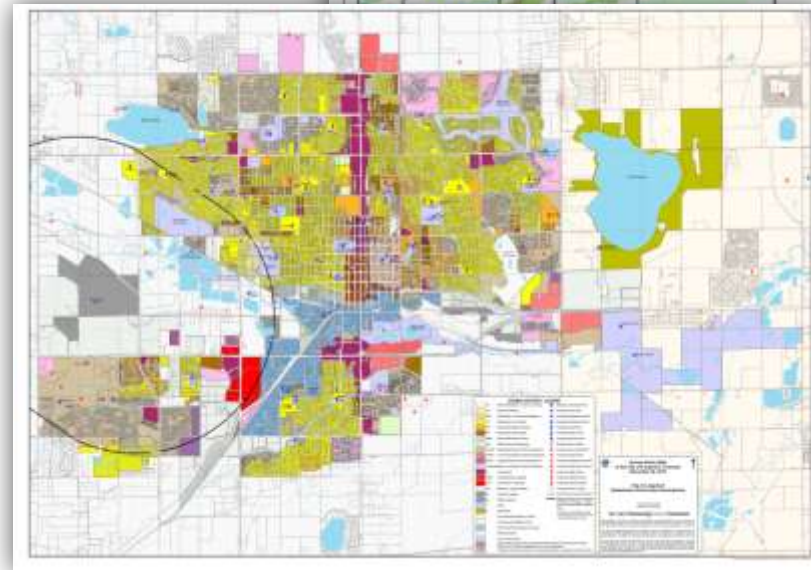
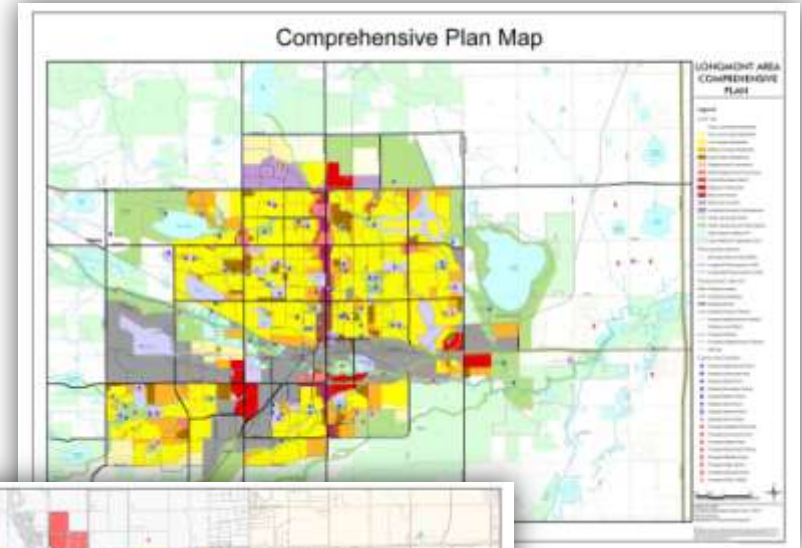
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■ Jumpstart: Find the catalyst project (Cheese Importers!)



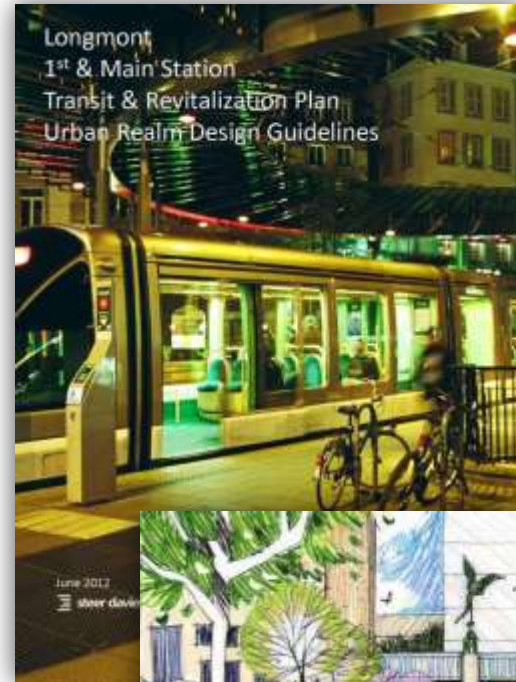
- Put it in writing:
change the zoning,
change the comp
plan



■ Pay attention to the private sector



- Pay attention to the details
 - Don't be afraid to change design guidelines to meet current needs and private sector desires
 - Consider the needs and character of adjacent neighborhoods





- Shape local transit service to meet the current and future development, not the other way around

Remember all modes!



Thank you!

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