RailVolution 2005

FasTracks Story:
Connecting TOD to Community
FasTracks Plan

- FasTracks Corridor: Passed in Nov 2004
- Scheduled Completion: 2016
- 119 miles of new and expanded rail transit
- 9 Rapid transit corridors
- Funding for 18 miles of Bus Rapid Transit
- Enhanced bus network
- 65 New park-n-Rides; 21,000 new parking spaces
- $4.7 billion capital construction
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FasTracks Implementation Schedule
Chronology of FasTracks

- Failed *Guide the Ride* vote – 1997
- Additional study of corridors – 1998 to 2001
- Establishment of FasTracks plan – 2002
- Regional consensus building on FasTracks program – 2002 to 2004
- Passage of FasTracks ballot measure by 58 to 42 percent margin (ballot measure called for an additional .4% sales tax for transit) – 2004
Boulder, Colorado - Context

- Population ~ 100,000
- County seat for Boulder County (~ 215,000)
- 25 miles northwest of Denver
- Employment center in Boulder County
- CU - Boulder (~ 29,000 students)
- A Destination/Origin of FasTracks US 36 corridor including BRT and commuter rail
Transportation Context

FasTracks
$4.7 billion
Completion 2016

US 36 EIS
Completion 2006
$791 Million for the corridor

Area Plan
Completion 2006
1st Phase Station
Construction $8 m
Boulder Transit Village
Phase II Concept Alternative #2
Boulder, Colorado

Client
City Of Boulder
Boulder, Colorado

Consultants
Carter & Burgess
Van Meter Williams Pollock

Concept Site Plan & Building Prototypes

Site Area
11 Acres

Housing
7.25 Acres
240 Units / 3 Story
161 1 Bdrm
72 2 Bdrm

Commercial
No Commercial

Parking
312 On Site Parking
209,000 S.F. Housing

Discussion:
This single use alternative provides for a medium amount of residential units in an all urban rental apartment setting. The simple development prototype can be built by a number of for-profit or non-profit developers. Affordable housing is achievable through medium density and reduced amount of surface parking.
Transit Village: Area Plan Boundary
Preliminary TOD Program

- Mix of Housing types
- 50% owner / 50% rental units
- Open Space: 15 - 20% reserve
- Service Retail serving adjacent residential and “pass through” transit users
Preliminary Transit Program

- Current local, regional and express buses
- Future bus rapid transit, enhanced local and regional buses, future commuter rail
- Park-n-ride facility with expansion potential (Structured or underground)
- Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Pedestrian walkway linking rail platform to bus station
Boulder’s Affordable Housing Challenge

- Home prices clearly out of reach for many:
  - $450,000 median price for single family home
  - $230,000 median price for attached homes
Area Plan Goals

- Create a well-used and well-loved pedestrian oriented place
- Provide a strong sense of community
- Engage the public
- Maximize the community benefit of the transit investment
- Support diversity
- Enhance economic vitality
- Connect to the natural environment
Next Steps

- Transit Village Area Plan: Underway-adoption Jan. 2006 (guides growth in half mile area around station)
- Site Design/Public Process: Winter 2006
- Construct First Phase: 2007 (“Bus Based”)
- Phased future years: Rail/BRT 2014, Housing/TOD phased approach to full build out.