



Commerce City Council Update

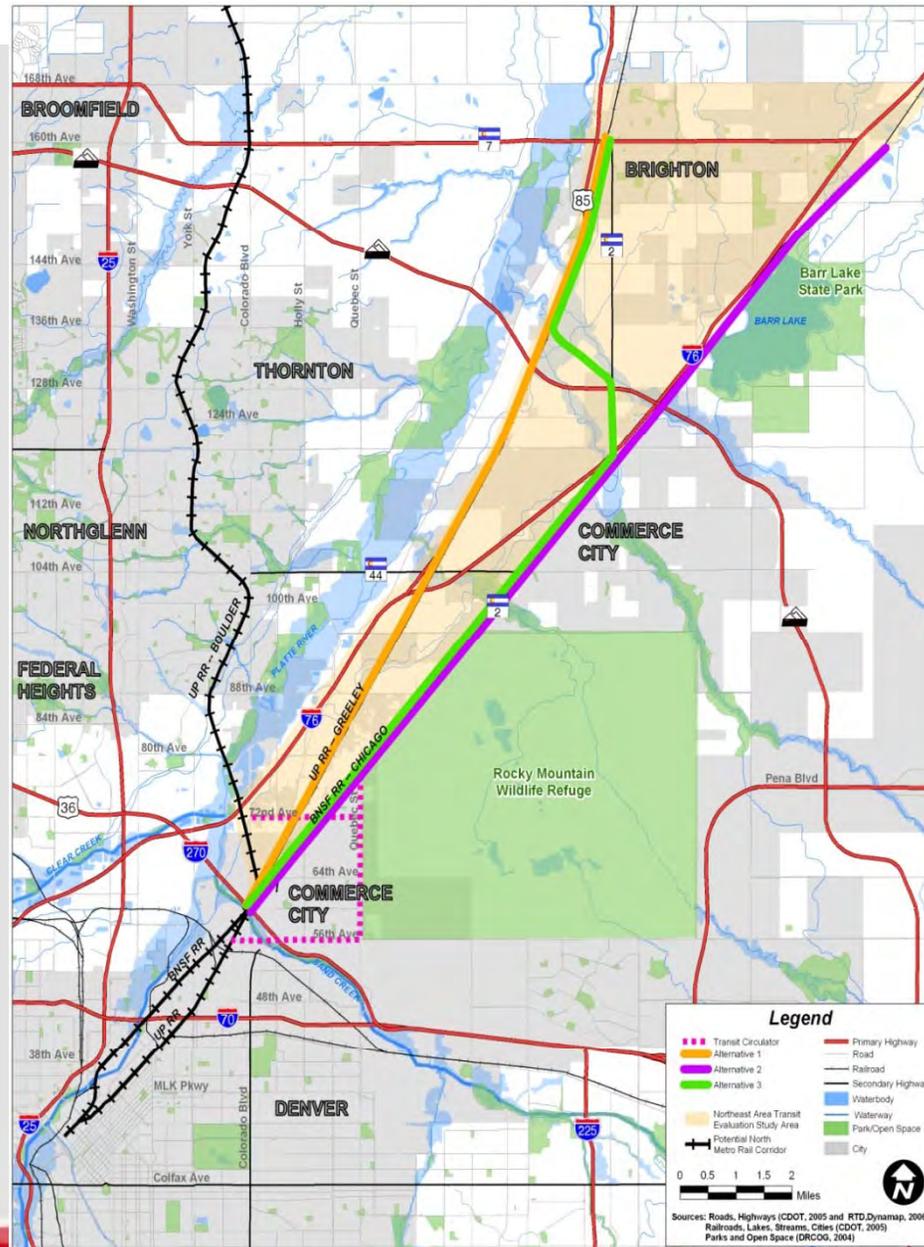
Northeast Area Transit Evaluation II

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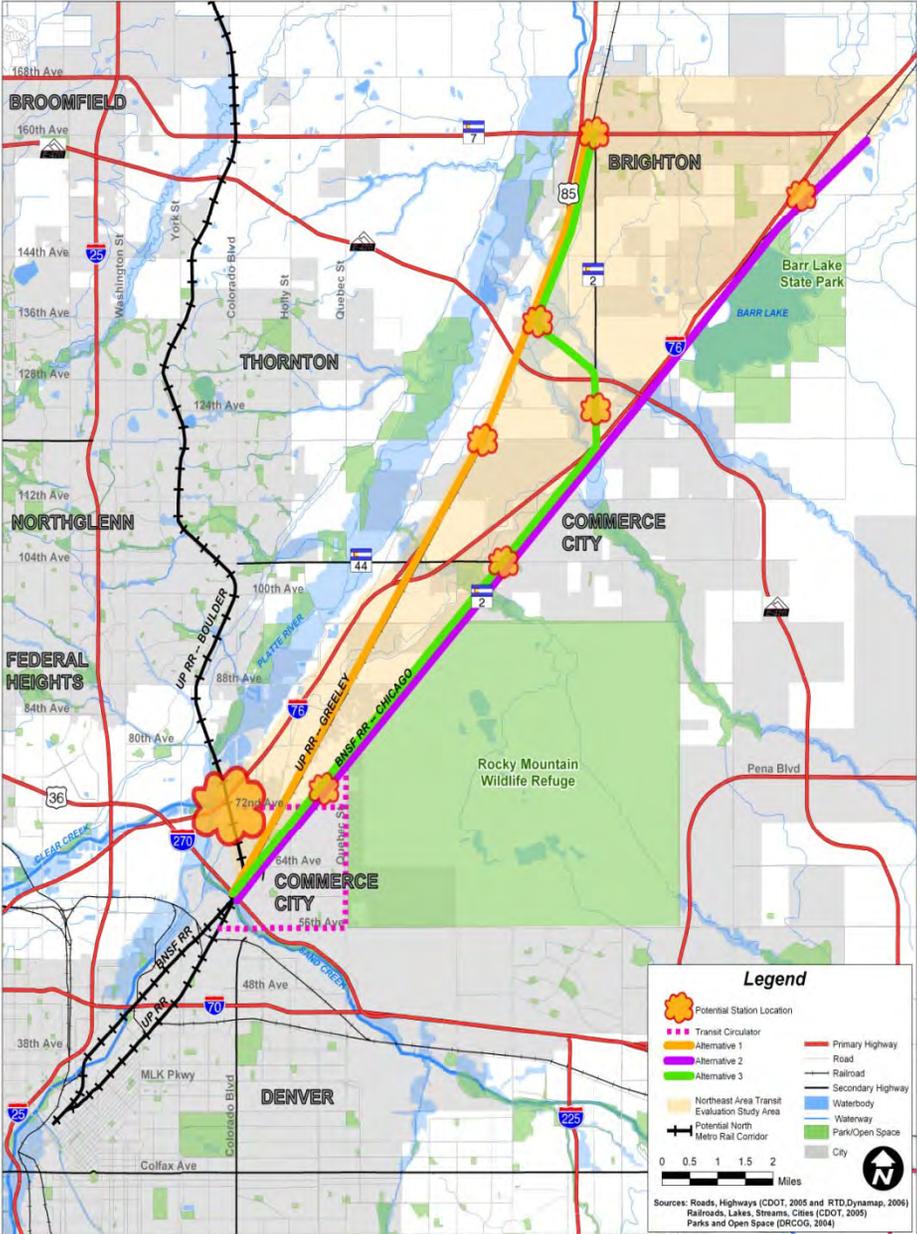
Northeast Area Transit Evaluation (NATE-2007)

- Investigated options to extend future, post-FasTracks, fixed guideway bus and/or rail transit between Denver and Brighton based upon \$9M ROW preservation funds in 2004 FasTracks plan
- Participants: Brighton, Commerce City, Adams County, Denver, Thornton, CDOT, and RTD
- Objectives:
 - Develop/analyze alternative concepts for transit service, technology
 - Identify potential investment opportunities
 - Consider strategies for preservation of ROW for future transit envelope
- Three rail alignments identified:
 - Union Pacific along US 85
 - Burlington Northern SF along CO 2 and I-76
 - “Cross country” routes in between the UP and BNSF

NATE 2007- Alternative alignments



NATE 2007- Potential station locations



NATE-II 2011 - current



- Group decides best use of funds should be devoted to expanding the analysis of the original 2007 NATE study:
 - Better position RTD/cities/county with more refined information on desired stations and alignments
 - Provide a reference for communicating to staff, elected officials, general public
 - Research other potential funding sources; e.g., grants, New Starts, Small Starts
- Along with other elements of the original FasTracks program, ROW preservation funds delayed to a post-2035 timeframe
- A successful sales tax initiative in 2012 would've provided study funds, instead RTD decides to continue NATE II using in-house and on call consultant resources, staff work plan in progress

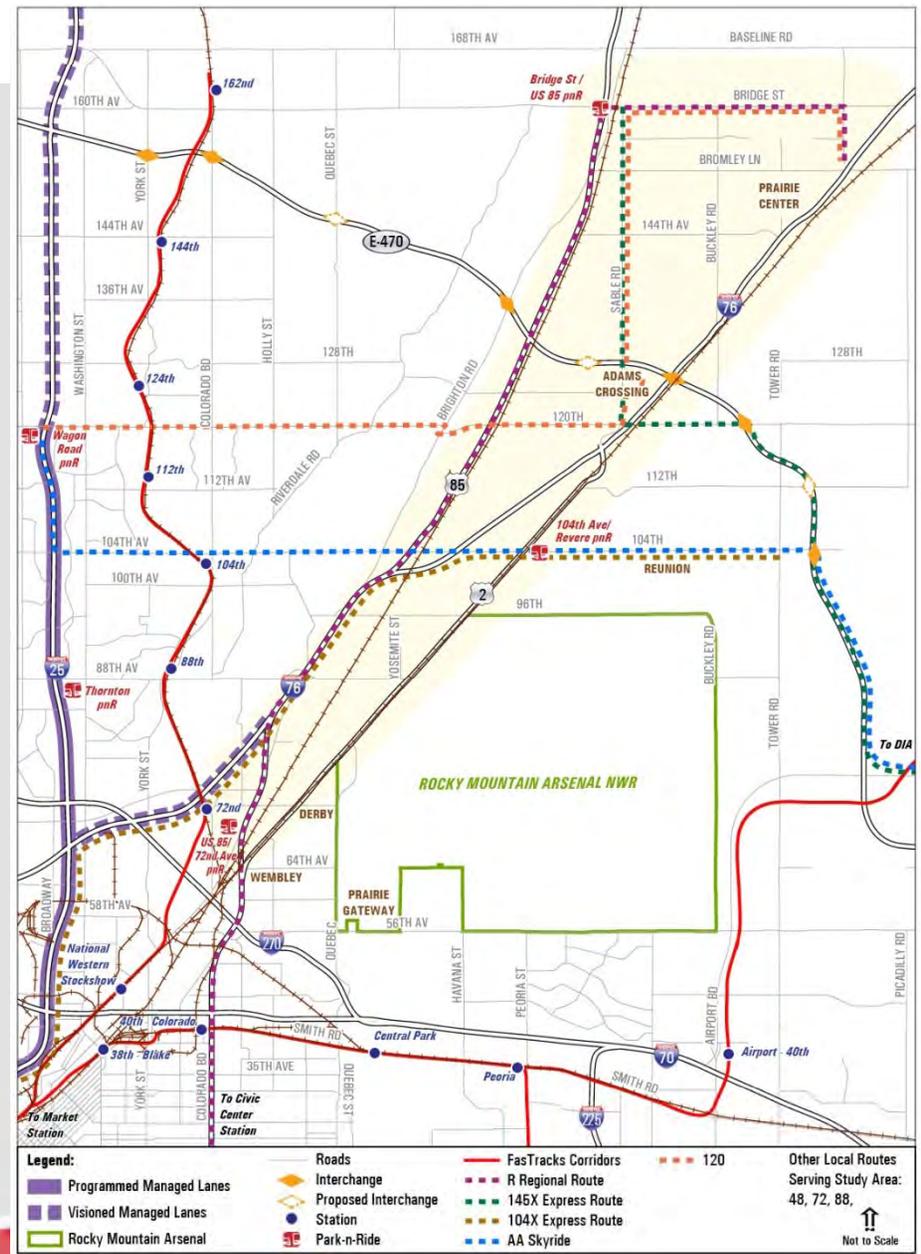
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- NATE II Scope
 - Summarize the results of the 2007 NATE
 - Update environmental, transportation, land use and municipal plan information
 - Perform fatal flaw analysis of CRT and LRT Alternatives
 - Develop BRT Alternatives and evaluate
 - Summarize BRT technology
 - Develop BRT Alternatives
 - Screening of BRT Alternatives
 - Develop CRT, LRT, BRT implementation strategies
 - Summarize BRT transition strategies to LRT/CRT

- NATE II Status
 - Kick-off Meeting – November 2013
 - One-on-One Jurisdiction Meetings – November 2013-February 2014
 - Alternatives Development – Currently

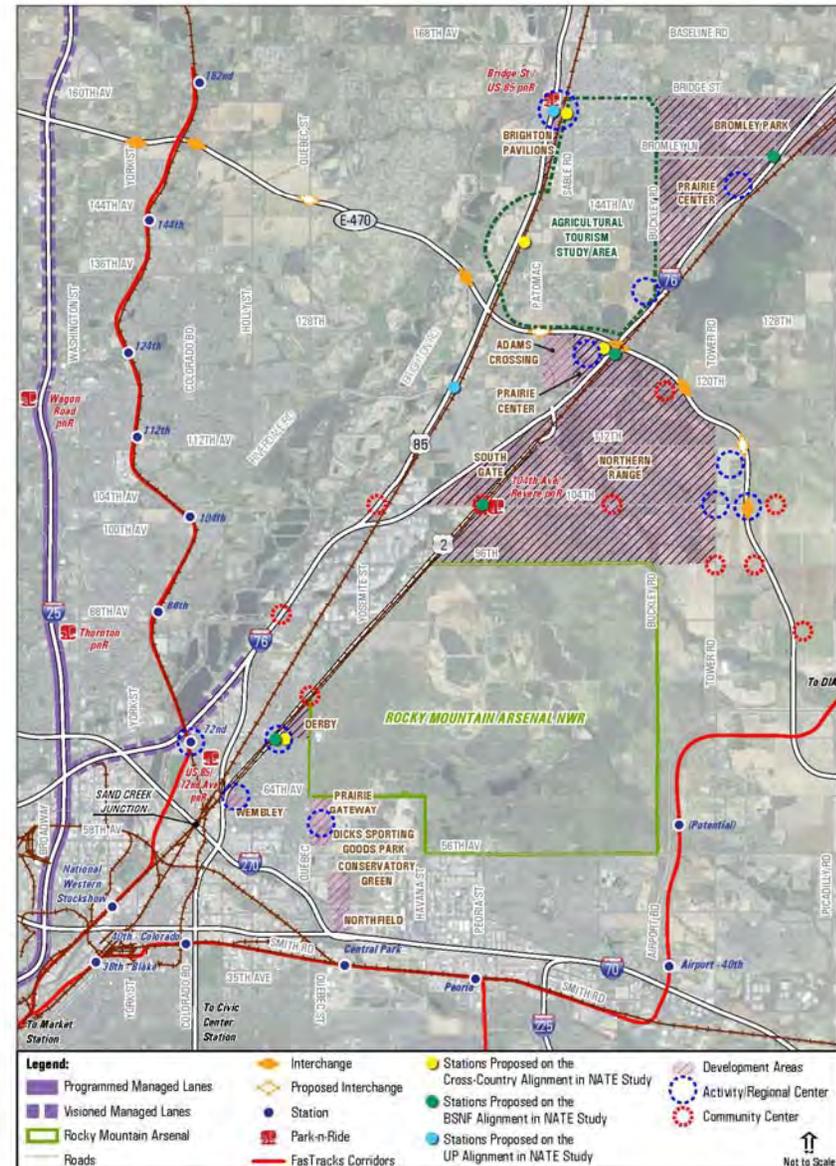
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- NATE II – Existing Bus Routes
 - North-South
 - R, 145X, 104X
 - East-West
 - AA Skyride, 120
 - Other Local Routes
 - 48, 72, 88



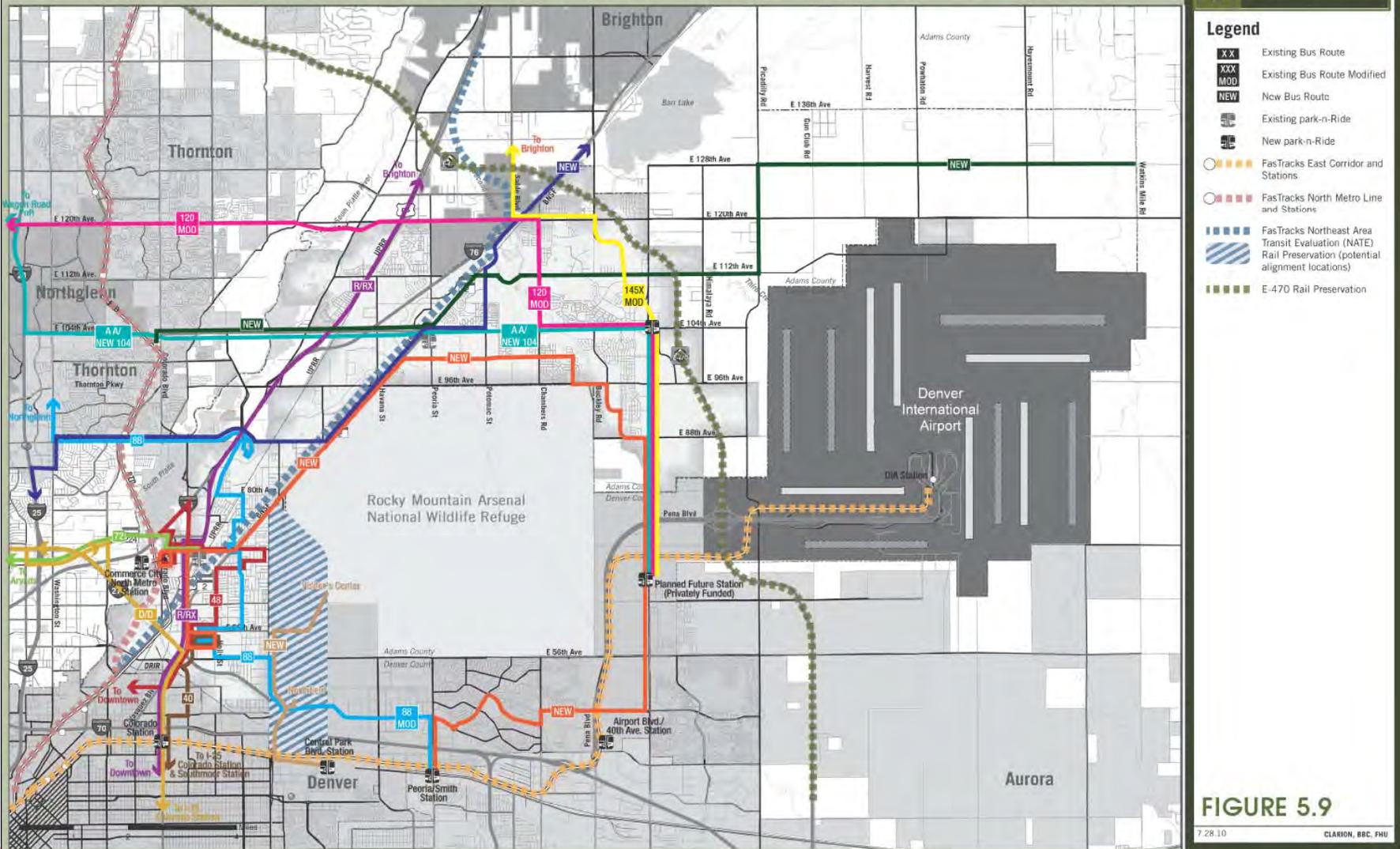
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- NATE II Challenges/Opportunities
 - Connecting Activity/Regional/Community Centers
 - Connection to East Rail Line/North Metro Rail Line/Denver Union Station
 - Location of End-of-Line
 - Transition from Bus to Rail
 - Southern Alignment through Historic Commerce City



Commerce City Transportation Plan

Future Transit Routes & ROW Preservation



NATE-II 2011 - current

- NATE II Next Steps
 - Develop BRT Alternatives
 - Develop BRT transition strategies to LRT/CRT
 - Meeting with Jurisdictions on alternative strategies and transition strategies
 - Results of Northwest Area Mobility Study
 - Develop Technology Fatal Flaw Evaluations
 - Develop BRT Implementation Strategies
 - Develop Final Report