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# Proposed Office Building Construction for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Denver Division Office

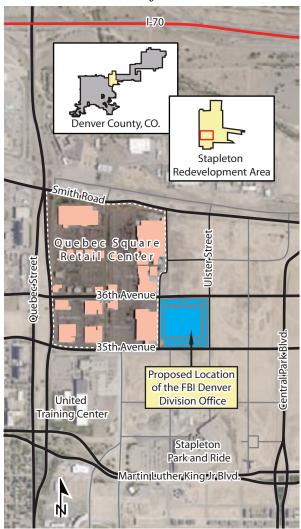




#### **Proposed Action**

The General Services Administration (GSA) is proposing to construct a new office building in Denver, Colorado to house the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Denver Division Office through a lease construction agreement.

The FBI's mission has grown since September 11, 2001. The FBI's growth requires a new and larger facility in Denver that consolidates bureau functions in one location. This is also consistent with the national policy to build new free-standing FBI facilities in most major cities.



Currently, the FBI is located in three locations in the Denver metropolitan area. Two offices are located in downtown Denver, and the third is located at the Denver Federal Center. This distribution of functions in different locations hinders the ability of the FBI to operate efficiently. The buildings currently housing the FBI in Denver can not provide the additional space the bureau requires, nor can the downtown Denver buildings be reconfigured to provide the security set-back from streets now required for FBI facilities.

The proposed 175,155-square-foot facility will be on 10 acres in the Stapleton Redevelopment Area bounded by the Quebec Square Regional Retail Center on the west, Ulster Street on the east, 36th Avenue to the north and 35th Avenue to the south. Currently, the site is vacant and zoned for redevelopment for all uses, except residential. The facility will include office space, computer and information technology facilities, secure file and evidence storage, secured interview rooms, and other facility support spaces. There will be a 175space parking garage with approximately 45 additional spaces of surface parking and a maintenance facility. Outside of a 100-foot setback from the main building, there will be a guard facility, a visitor screening facility and 20 visitor parking spaces. There will also be rooftop building antennas and an eight (8) foot fence surrounding the entire site designed in accordance with the Stapleton design regulations.

The proposed new building will meet the FBI's current and long-term needs for additional space and new security-related design, while increasing efficiency and effectiveness of agency work by consolidating all functions in one location. The facility will provide a modern, efficient, technically up-to-date, and secure facility to adequately accommodate the FBI's expanded security, space, and operational needs.



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#### **The NEPA Process**

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires the Federal government to use all practicable means and measures to protect environmental values. Therefore, NEPA makes environmental protection a part of the mandate of every federal agency and department, and requires Federal agencies use a multi-disciplinary approach to consider the impacts of proposed activities, programs, and projects on the quality of that environment.

GSA will use a multi-disciplinary approach to consider the environmental, social, and historical impacts on the Denver site. This approach will help the agency decide whether to undertake the proposed action, considering all reasonable alternatives, including the alternative of taking no action.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is a method to streamline NEPA compliance for actions that are not major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Scoping during the EA process means determining the scope and range of analysis needed for a proposed project. The scoping process is an early and open process and invites the participation of affected Federal, State, and local agencies, any affected Indian Tribes, and other interested persons and publics. As part of the scoping process the following items are identified:

- public and agency concerns;
- issues and alternatives to be examined, including the elimination of non-significant issues;
- related issues which originate from separate legislation, regulation, or Executive Order (for example, historic preservation or endangered species concerns), and;
- state and local agency requirements that must be addressed.

Minor impacts typical of new construction in an urban development setting will likely result from the proposed project. These minor impacts include traffic, utilities, and vegetation disturbance. The proposed project will be consistent with the scale and use of adjacent and nearby buildings, and is in compliance with local planning and zoning. The FBI requirement of a 100-foot security setback necessitates location in an area with ample development space.

There are three possible results of an EA:

- (1) A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI);
- (2) A decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; or
- (2) A decision to withdraw the proposal on the basis of its environmental impacts.

#### **Project Schedule**

The following is the proposed schedule for the project to build a new FBI Division Office in Denver, Colorado:

Completion of EA
Award Lease:

Building Construction:

FBI Move In:

October 2007

December 2007

June 2008

December 2009

#### **Contact Information**

GSA is providing interested community members an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Haskins at (303) 236-8000, ext. 2414. If you have written comments please send them to:

Ms. Lisa Haskins U.S. General Services Administration DFC, Building 41, Room 240 P.O. Box 25546, Denver, CO 80225-0006

Fax to: (303) 236-3603

e-mail to: lisa.haskins@gsa.gov



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# **COMMENT FORM**

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PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED ON PROPOSED OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DENVER DIVISION OFFICE

The U.S. General Services Administration on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is requesting public input regarding the environmental study for the proposed construction of a new office building in the Stapleton Redevelopment Area to house the FBI Denver Division Office.

Interested community members are invited to review project information, and submit comments and/or questions on environmental, economic, and historic resource issues potentially affected by the proposed project. This notification contributes to fulfilling Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act. For more information see legal notices in today's paper.

#### Environmental Assessment for Proposed FBI Denver Division Office Public Officials Mailing List

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The Honorable Diana DeGette Member, United States House of Representatives 600 Grant Street, Suite 202 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Proposed New Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Denver Division Office

Stapleton Redevelopment Area

#### Dear Representative DeGette:

On behalf of the FBI, the General Services Administration (GSA) is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project to construct a new 175,155-square-foot facility, through lease construction, to house the FBI Denver Division Office. The EA will be prepared under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and will examine possible environmental impacts from the project.

As you know, the FBI's mission has grown since September 11, 2001, and the FBI's growth requires a new and larger facility that consolidates Denver area bureau functions in one location. This is also consistent with the FBI's national policy to build new free-standing FBI facilities in most major cities. The proposed building site for the Denver Division office is located in the Stapleton Redevelopment Area, formerly part of Stapleton International Airport. Currently, the proposed site is vacant and zoned for redevelopment for all uses, except residential.

As a part of the EA public scoping process, GSA staff have attended several neighborhood committee meetings and a neighborhood sponsored public meeting in recent weeks and presented information about the project to the community. These meetings include: Stapleton Foundation Community Roundtable meeting on June 26, 2007; Stapleton Zoning and Planning meeting on July 10, 2007; and the Denver Police District 2 Citizens' Advisory Board (2CAB) meeting on July 19, 2007. The majority of the public comments are concerned with the future building design and it's compatibility

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with the neighborhood, traffic and sustainability issues, and the FBI employees' use of community resources such as local restaurants and businesses.

The proposed new FBI facility will include office space, computer and information technology facilities, secure file and evidence storage, temporary holding cells, and other facility support spaces. There will also be an attached 175-space parking garage, with an additional 45 spaces of surface parking. The site is 10 acres in size bounded by the Quebec Square Regional Retail Center on the west, Ulster Street on the east, 36th Avenue to the north and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south.

Enclosed for your information, is a project fact sheet that provides additional detail on the proposed FBI lease construction project and the EA process currently underway.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at (303) 236-7329, or Lisa Haskins of my staff at (303) 236-8000, ext. 2414.

Thank you for your interest in this important project.

Sincerely,

Leslie Plomondon Regional Administrator

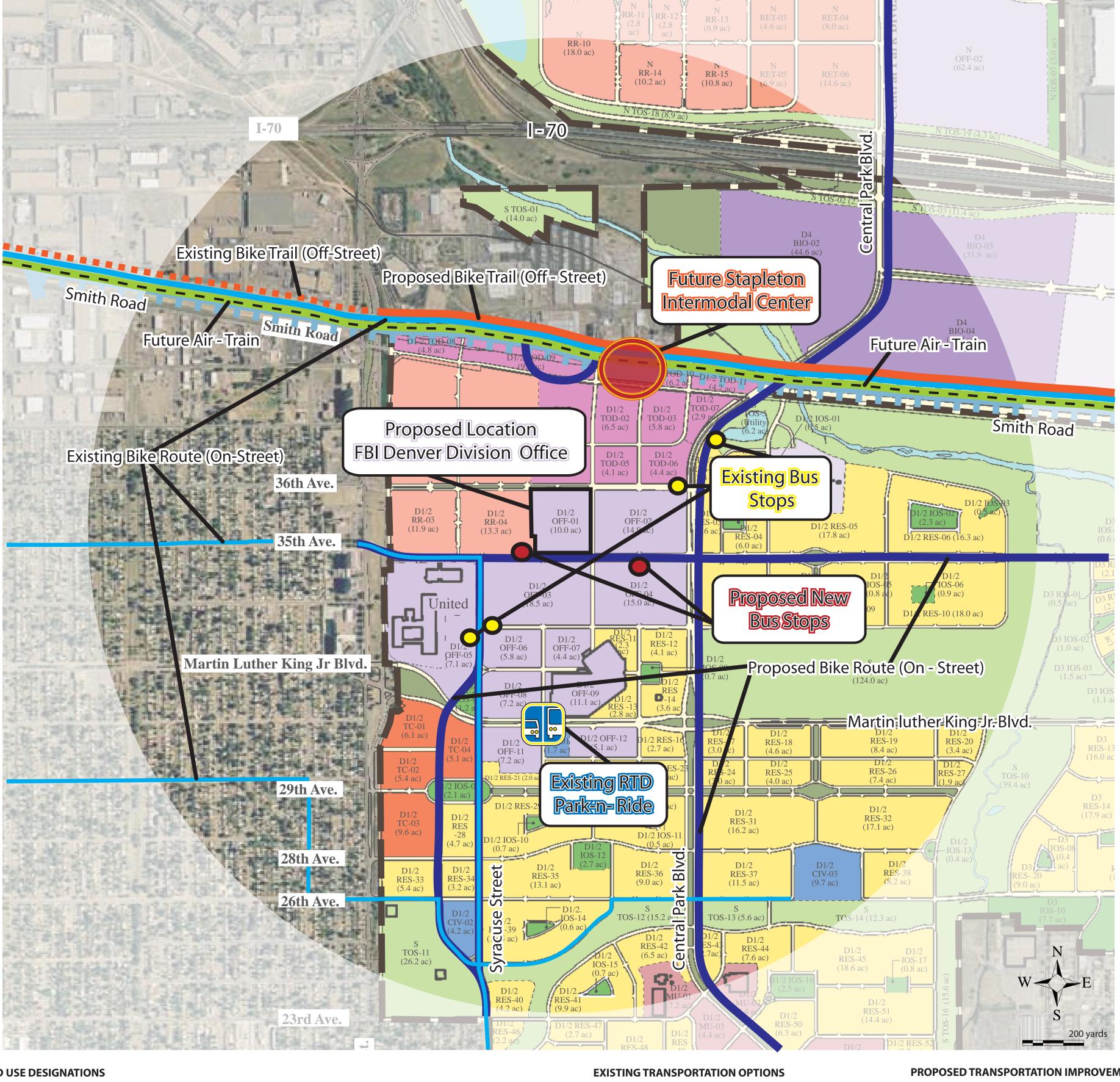
**Enclosure** 

cc: The Honorable Diana DeGette
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Proposed Lease Construction Project Federal Bureau of Investigation Denver Division Office





# **LAND USE DESIGNATIONS**

Trunk Open Space (TOS)

In-Tract Open Space (IOS) General Open Space

Civic (CIV) Transit-Oriented Mixed-Use (TOD) Town Center Mixed-Use (TC)

Regional Retail/ Commercial (RR) R & D/ Distribution (R&D) Retail/ Commercial

Office R & D (OFF)

(Department Store) (RET) General Mixed-Use (MU)

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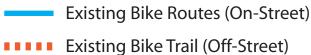
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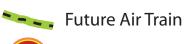
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Existing Bus Stops Surrounding Project Area



# PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS



Future Stapleton Intermodal Center

Proposed Bus Stop Surrounding Project Area

Proposed Bike Route (On-Street) Proposed Bike Trail (Off-Street)

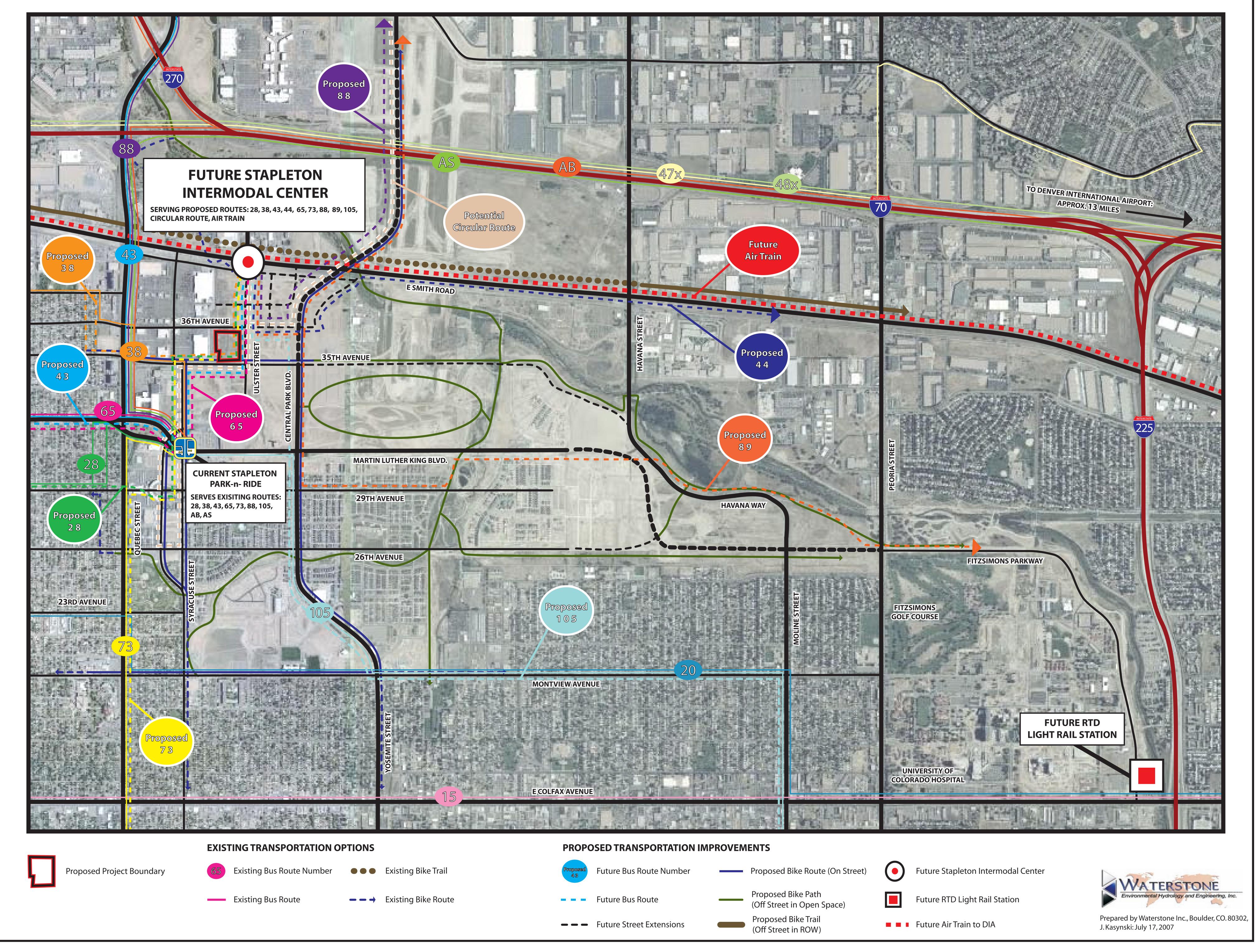


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# **Potential Community Concerns**

# Traffic and Transportation

- Accessibility to alternative transportation, including RTD and bike paths
- Accessibility to nearby community features and retail development

### Socioeconomic

- Economic Impact
- Employment

# · Urban Design

- Community Compatibility
- Future Building Design
- 100-foot buffer zone
- Future perimeter fence

# Environmental

- City Remediation of asbestos containing materials
- Site Investigation and Remediation of other potential contamination

For more information about the Proposed FBI Denver Division Office located in the Stapleton Redevelopment Area Please attend the

District 2 Citizens' Advisory Board (2CAB) meeting Thursday, July 19, 2007 6 - 8 pm 3900 Holly Street Denver, CO 80207



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