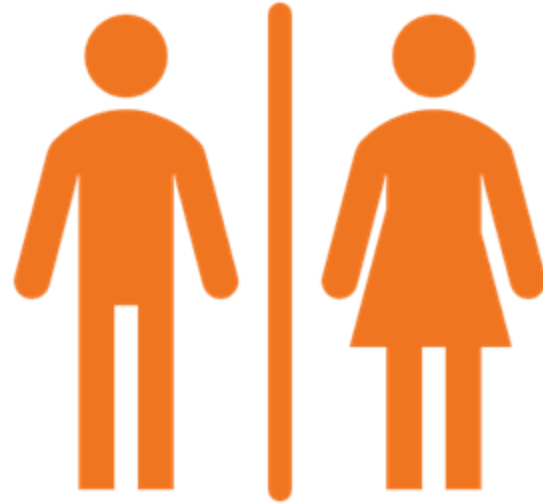




Mountain Rail Study Public Open House Meetings October 2024



Safety & Housekeeping





Agenda



- Recap (What We Heard) from 1st round of open houses
- Recap of project timeline & objectives
- Station screening criteria & preliminary selections
- Service option alternatives & project phasing
- Funding sources and mechanisms
- Local government's role
- Next steps



September Open Houses - Recap & What We Heard



Information Presented

- Three open houses were held from Sept. 10 to Sept. 12 through the corridor (Arvada, Granby, Craig)
- Provided an overview of the project, detailed the SDP process, timeline, and criteria for station screening
- Addressed public inquiries during the presentation and through small group discussions





Mission and Objectives

Enhance passenger rail connectivity between Denver and Craig



Improve reliable, safe and congestion-free, mobility and multimodal travel options



Connect diverse communities with unique needs



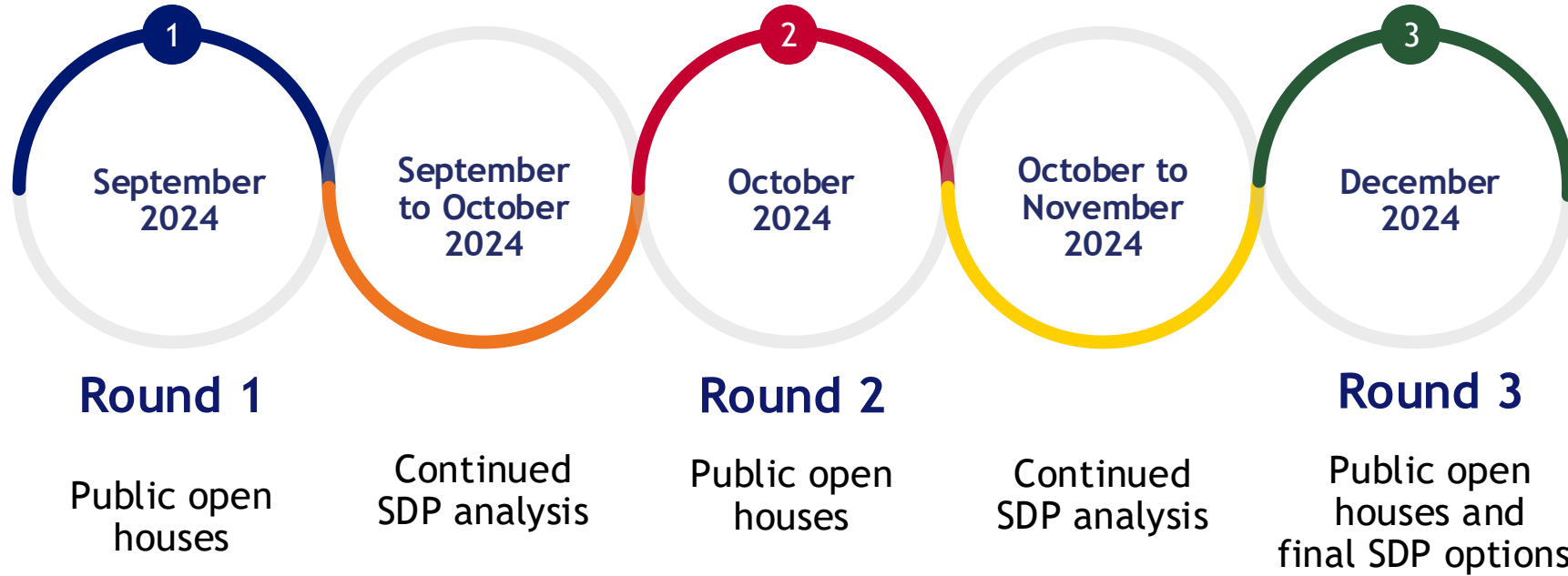
Foster economic vitality through improved transportation equity and a Just Transition away from fossil fuels



Support environmental goals including greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction



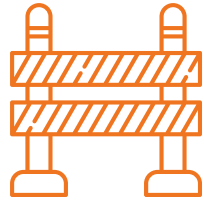
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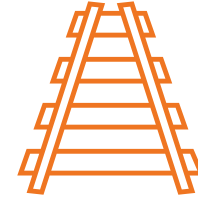
**Ongoing stakeholder engagement opportunities
continue past service plan development**



Recap - Station Screening Criteria



Station Constraints



Railroad Operations

Regional Connectivity



Connections to Activity Centers



Access, Parking, and Circulation

Economic Development



Development Potential



Zoning Considerations

Environmental Sustainability



Natural and Built Environment



Social Equity and Resilience

Multimodal Choice



Transit Access



Multimodal Connections

Existing Infrastructure



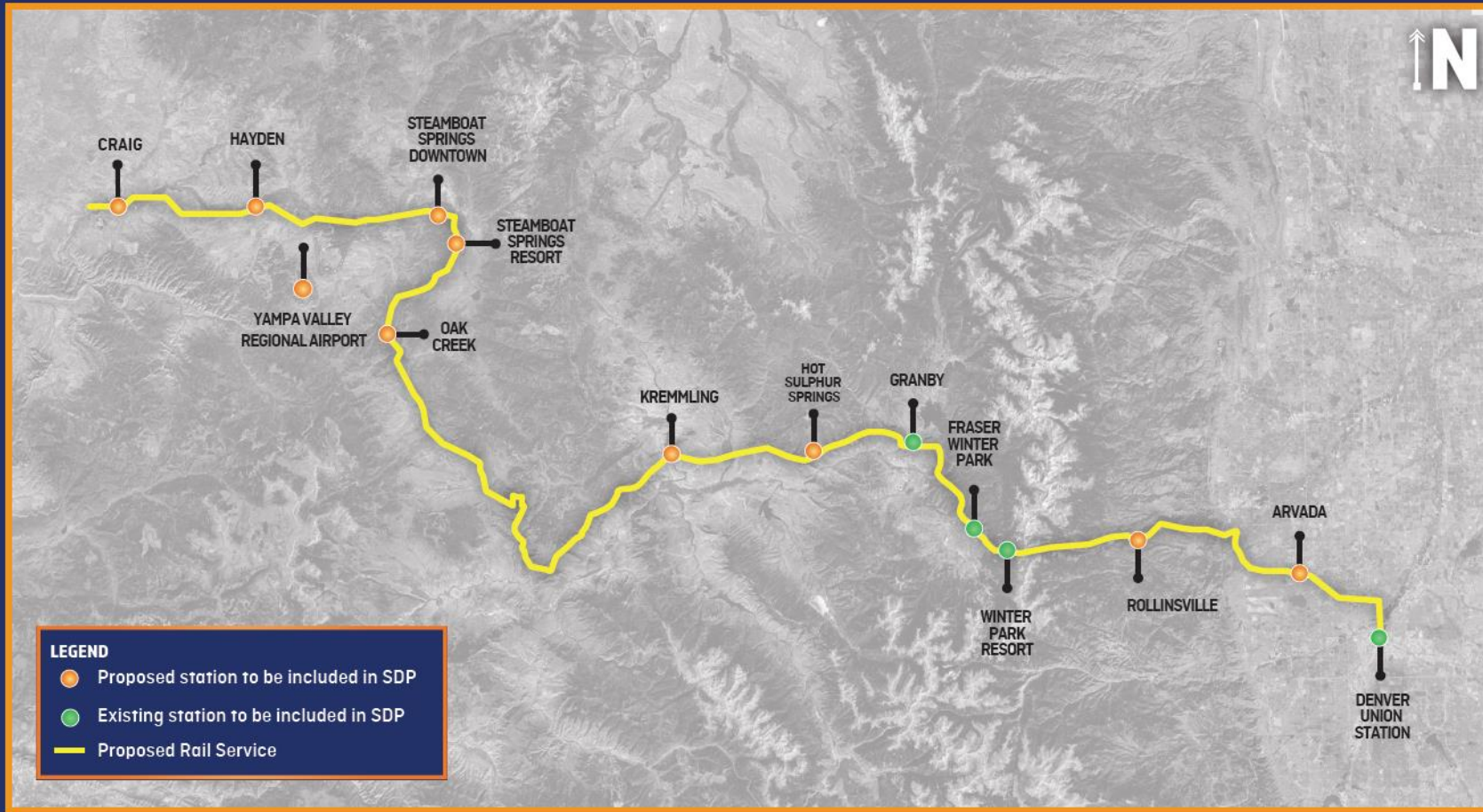
Parcel Considerations



Construction Complexity



Potential Station Locations for Inclusion within Preliminary Service Development Plan For Continued Evaluation

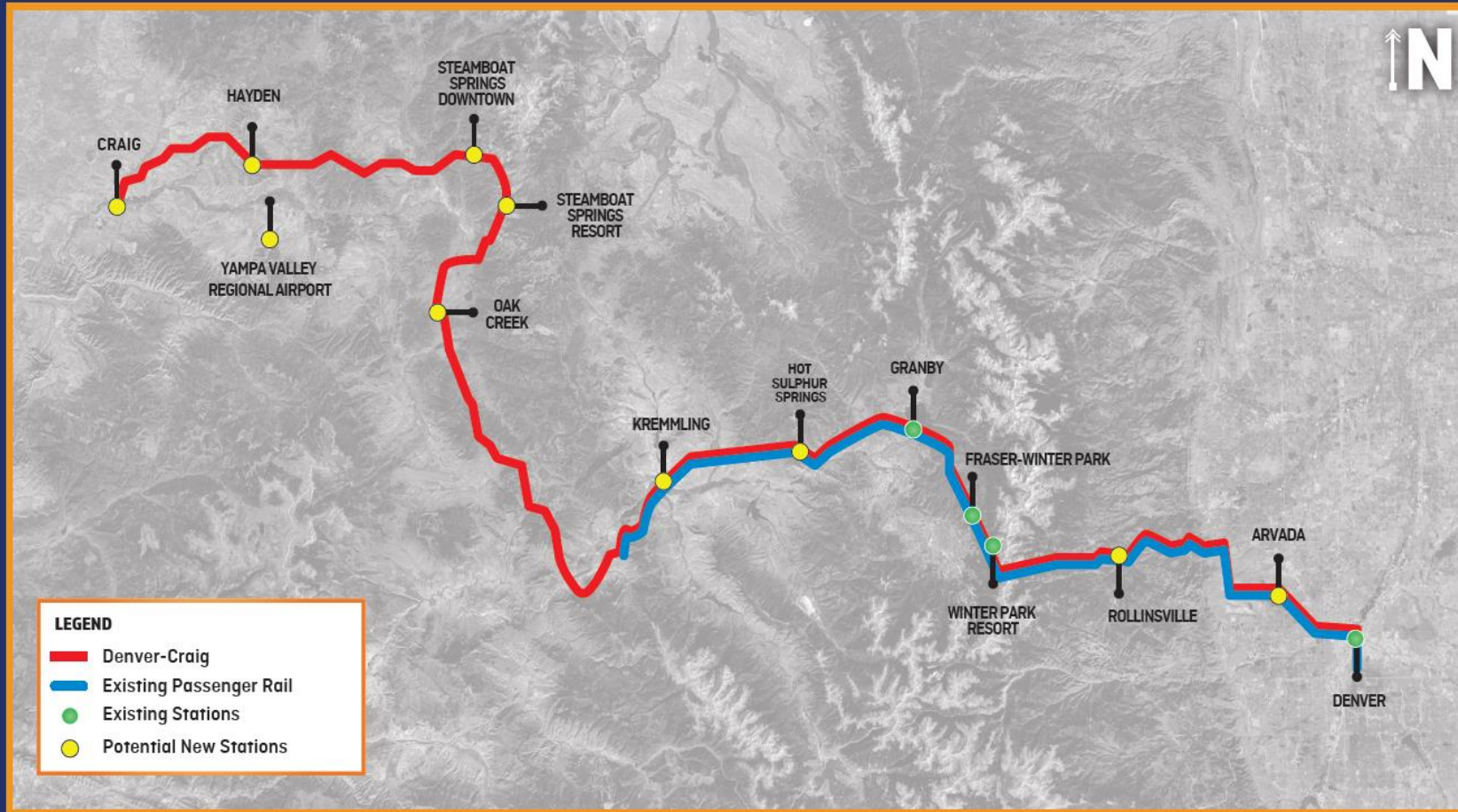


Existing and potential station locations for inclusion within the Preliminary Service Development Plan



**This project will be delivered over time through a phased implementation plan*

Phased Service Implementation



Potential Phasing Map



Local Government Role

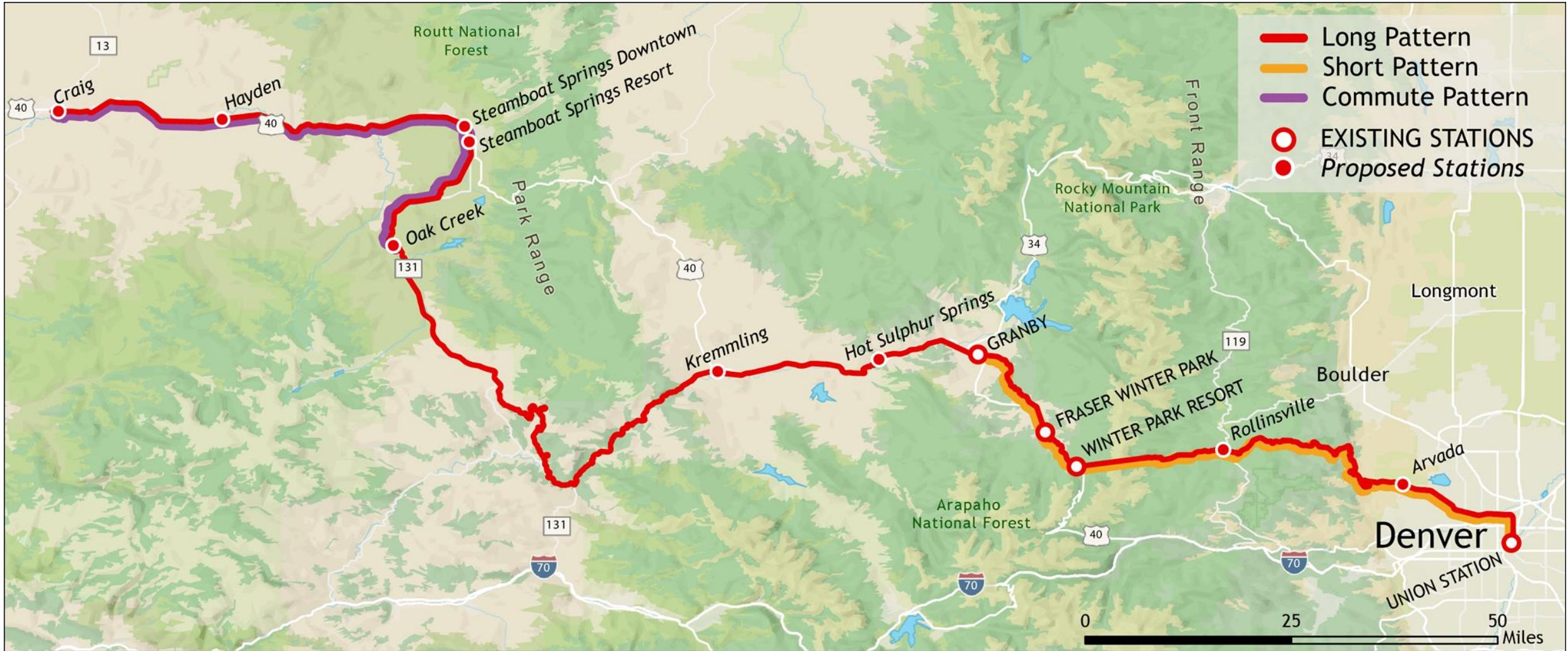
CDOT is looking for shared responsibility as it relates to new and, in some cases, existing stations.

Some likely areas of partnership include:

- ✓ Functional local coalition(s) of support
- ✓ Public benefit (i.e., mode shift, community access, etc.)
- ✓ Local station funding assistance (in some circumstances)

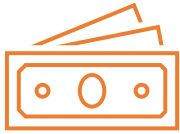


Service Pattern Alternatives





Funding Mechanisms and Opportunities Moving Forward



State Funding Sources:

- SB 24-184 - Congestion Impact Fees on rental cars, can only be used on rail projects, begins 2025
- SB 24-230, Oil and Gas Production Fees
- SB 24-190, Rail and Coal Transition Community Economic Measures
- *Note - funding for existing road projects cannot be diverted to pay for rail projects*

Federal Grant Dollars:

- Funding may be available through Federal Railroad Administration grant programs such as Corridor ID, Fed-State Partnership, CRISI, and R&E

Other Potential Funds:

- Local governments/entities may seek funding mechanisms
- Fares from ticket sales



**Continued SDP analysis
(operations, financing,
station selection, phasing,
service, etc.)**



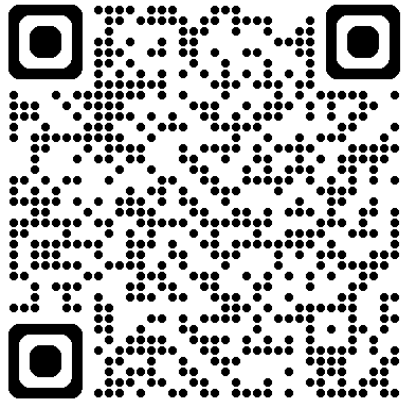
**Continued stakeholder
and local government
collaboration**



**December open houses
with final SDP options**



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