



California Zephyr at the Moffat Tunnel



COLORADO

Department of Transportation

Mountain Passenger Rail Craig City Council April 8, 2025



Agenda

- **Mountain Rail Overview**
- **Focus on Craig**
- **Need for Resolutions**



Mission & 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



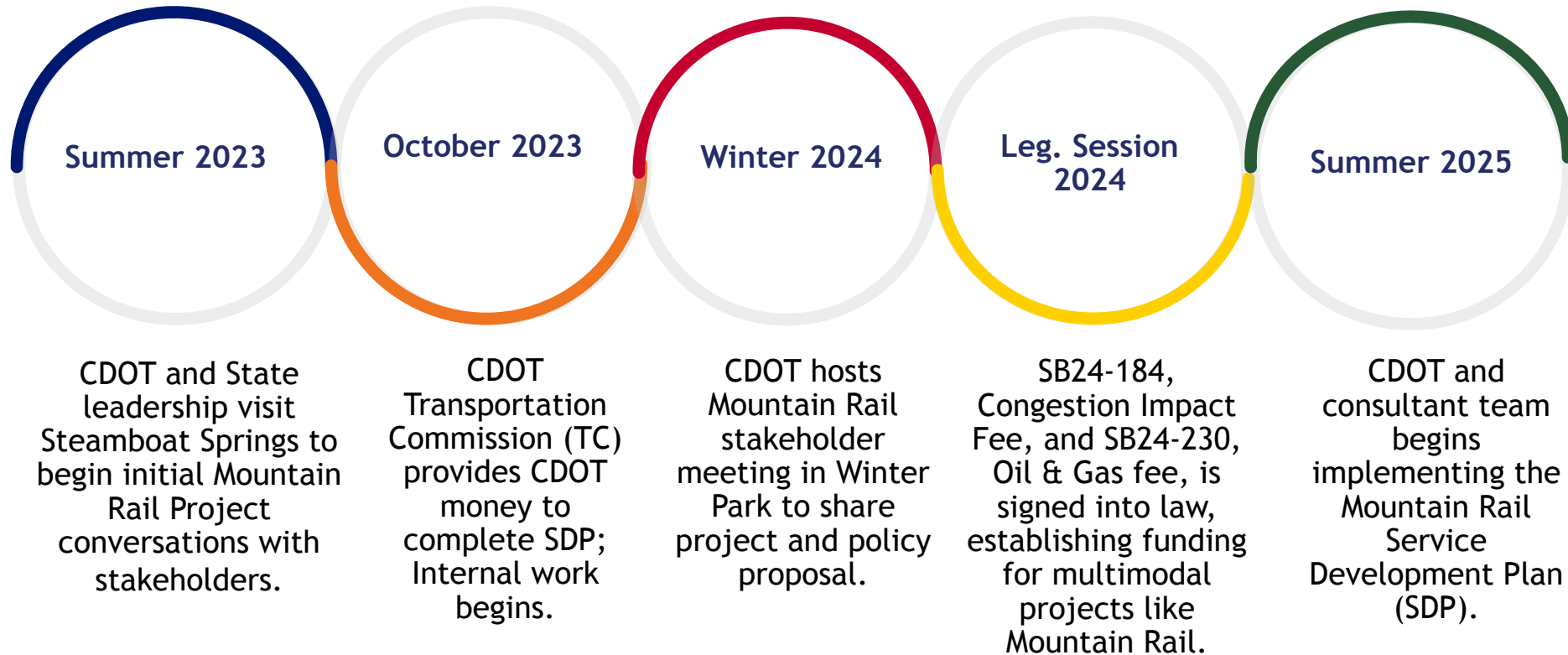
Foster economic vitality through improved transportation equity and a just transition away from fossil fuels



Support environmental goals including greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction



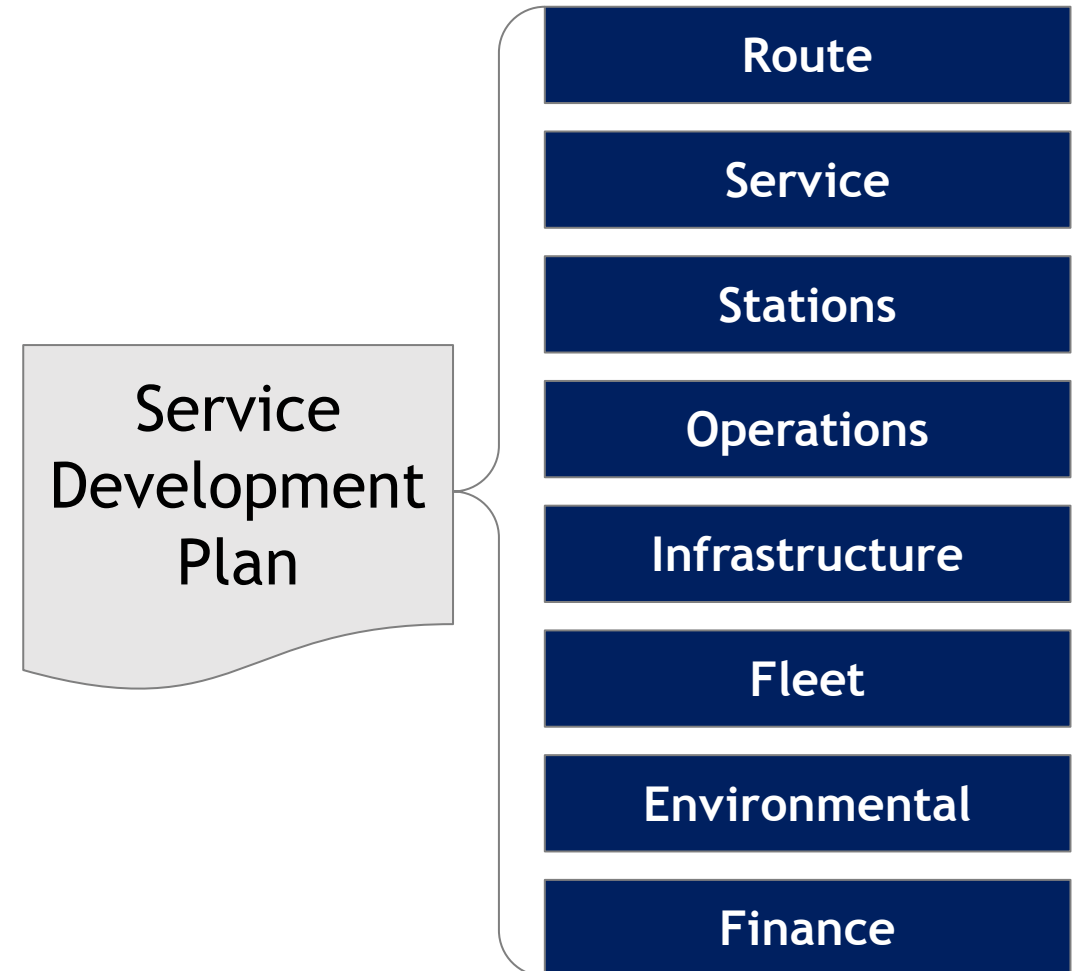
Mountain Rail Project Timeline





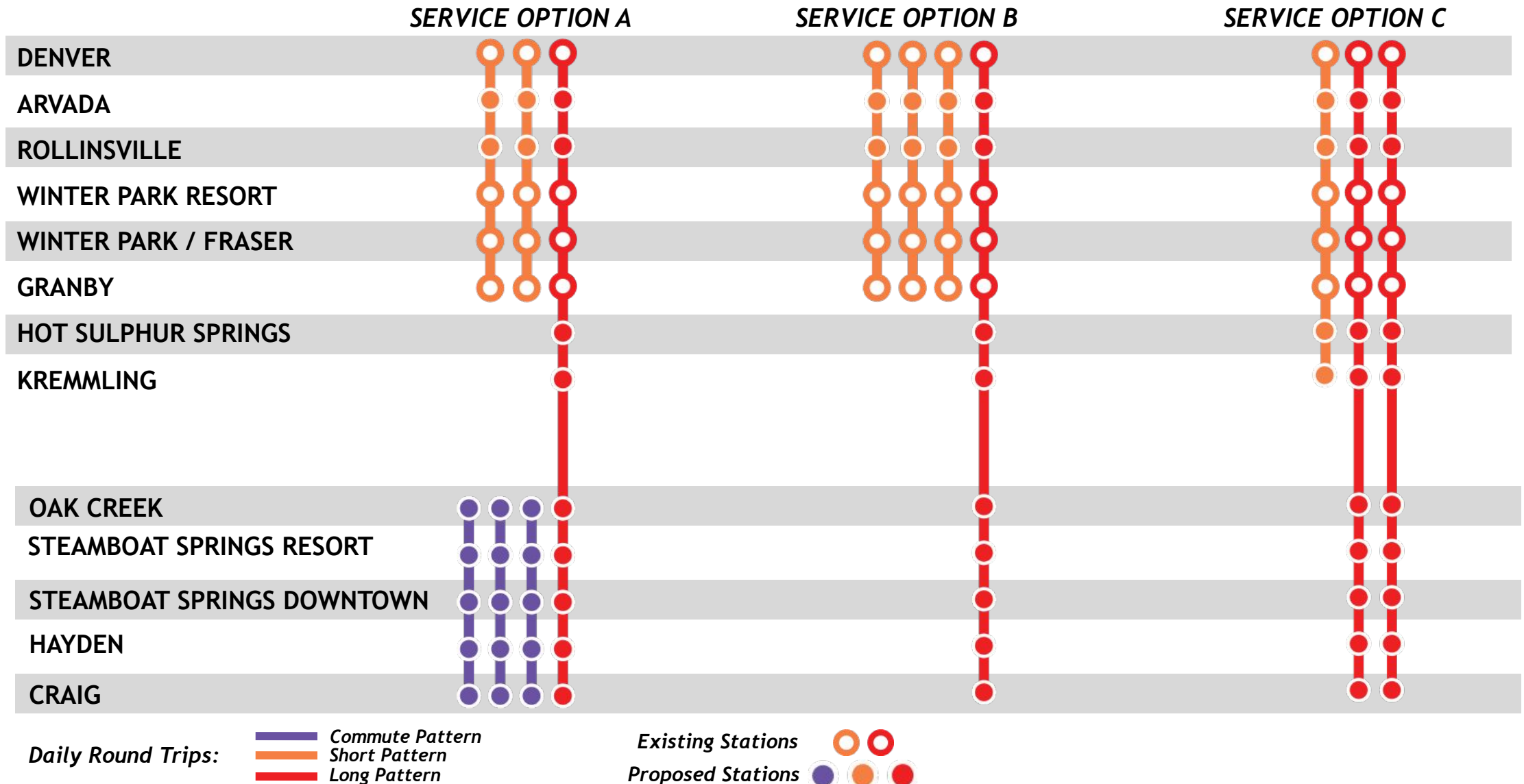
What is a Service Development Plan (SDP)?

- Determines operational and financial feasibility
- Defines all essential elements of planning and operations
- Includes an alternatives analysis
- Leverages industry best practices, including FRA's planning process
- Streamlines the subsequent permitting process



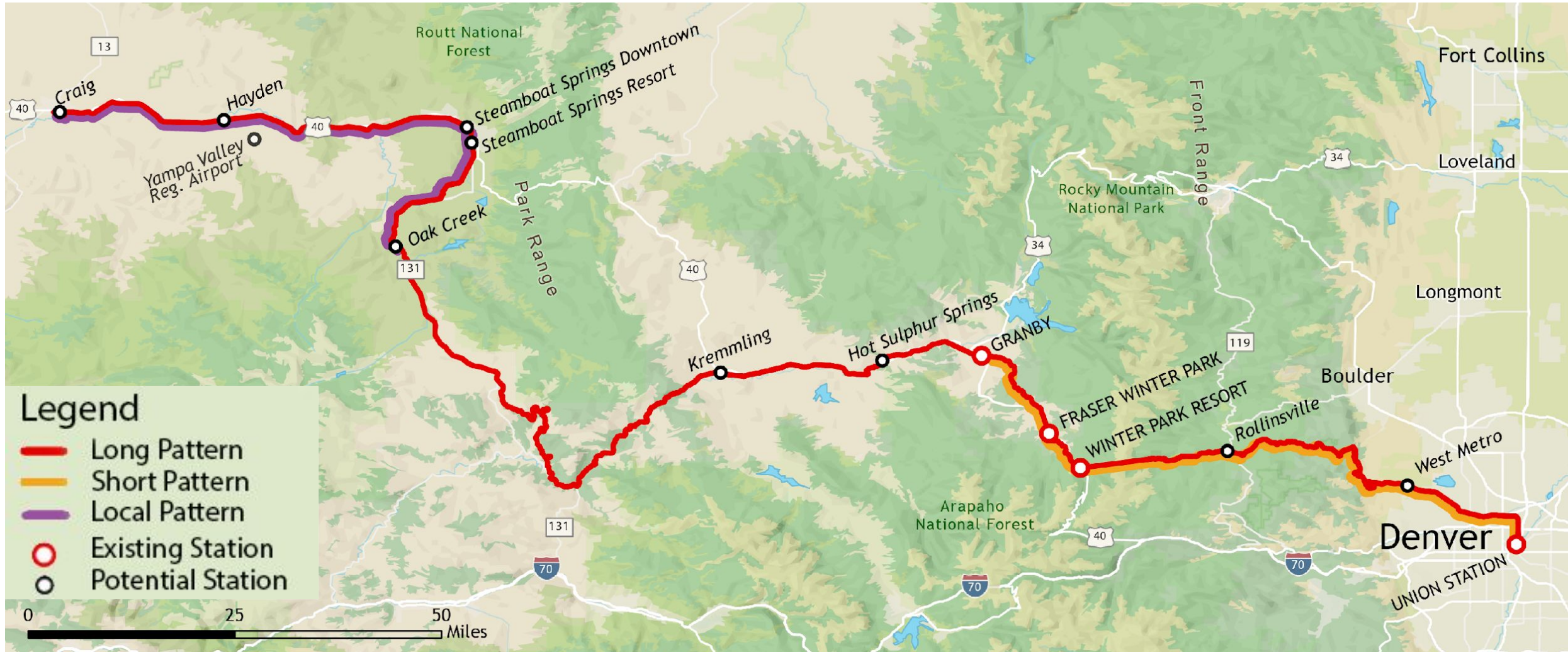


Final Service Options



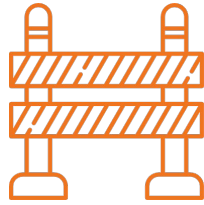


Service Option A

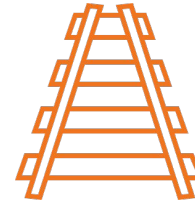




Station Screening Criteria



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



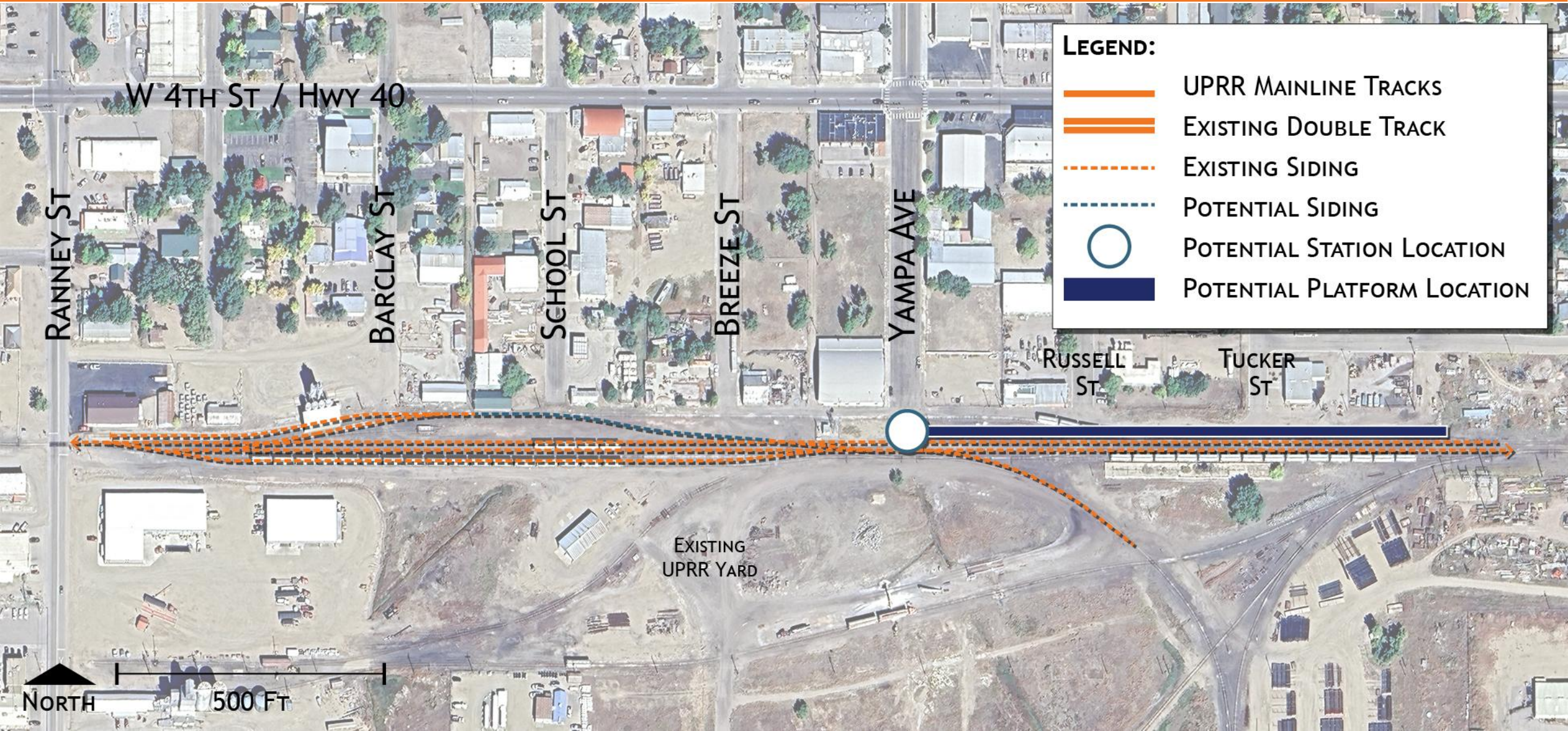
Parcel Considerations



Construction Complexity



SDP Station Location - Craig



Retooling Craig Concept



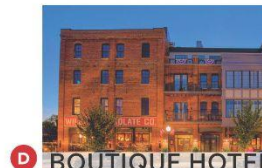
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B MIXED-USE



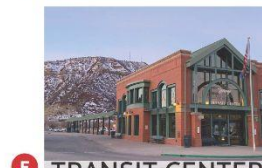
C ACTIVATED ALLEY



D BOUTIQUE HOTEL



E EVENT PAVILION



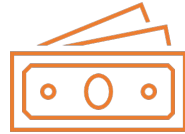
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- State has requested Resolutions to identify local support for:
 - The Mountain Passenger Rail Project;
 - The use of the station location identified in the SDP;
 - A commitment to complete a Rail Station Area Plan.
 - Needed to identify land use planning, fiscal preparedness, and infrastructure preparedness
- Included an invitation to a webinar on March 11th covering State funding sources to address fiscal preparedness.



Potential Funding Mechanisms



State Funding Sources:

- CDOT Funds
 - e.g. SB 24-184 - Congestion Impact Fees, MMOF
- DOLA and OEDIT Programs
 - e.g. EIAF, Prop 123, Neighborhood Centers, Housing Planning Grant, etc



Federal Grant Dollars:

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

