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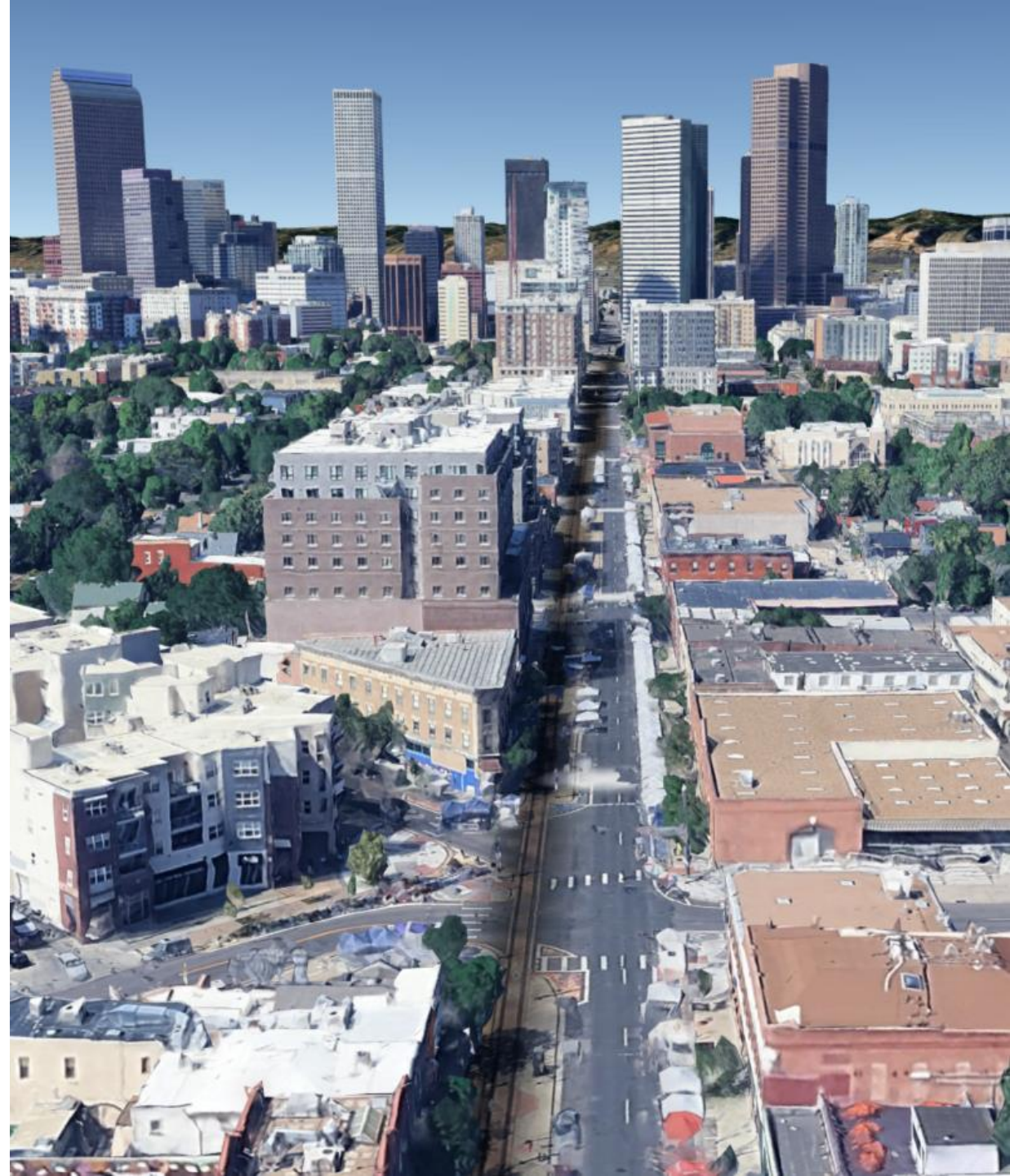
Welton Next Steps Project

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Update



Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Provide update on project timeline, progress, and engagement strategy
- Share engagement toolkit for upcoming public meeting and survey promotion



Welton Next Steps Project Overview

Purpose:

Partner with the community to define a clear vision for the future of transit on Welton Street and develop feasible recommendations to achieve that vision that align with the intentions of the planned Central Rail Extension on Downing.

Study Area:

Welton Street (Broadway to Downing)

Downing Street (Welton to Blake)

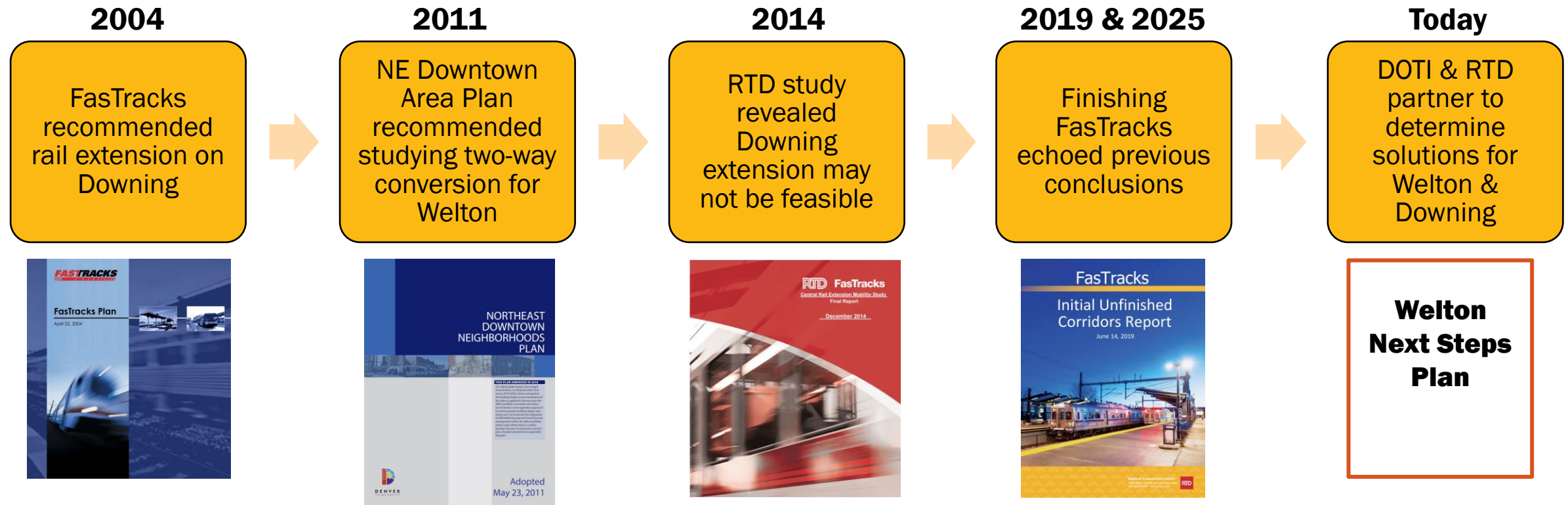
Funding:

\$964,000 grant (including local match) from FTA



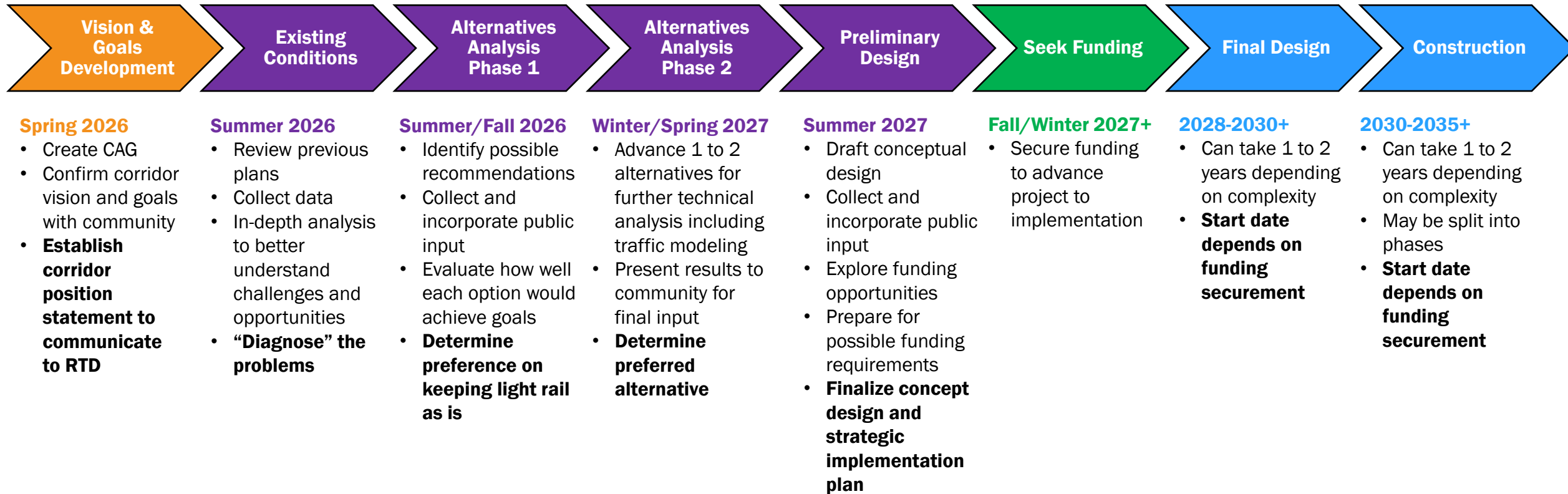
Welton Next Steps Project Background

How did we get here?



Welton Next Steps Project Timeline

We are here!



Welton Next Steps August Update

Engagement Phase 1 concluded

- CAG Meeting #3 May 19 – confirmed vision & goals and discussed objectives & metrics
- [Engagement Summary](#) with final vision & goals added to website and delivered to RTD
- Website FAQ updated

Full consultant contract kicked off

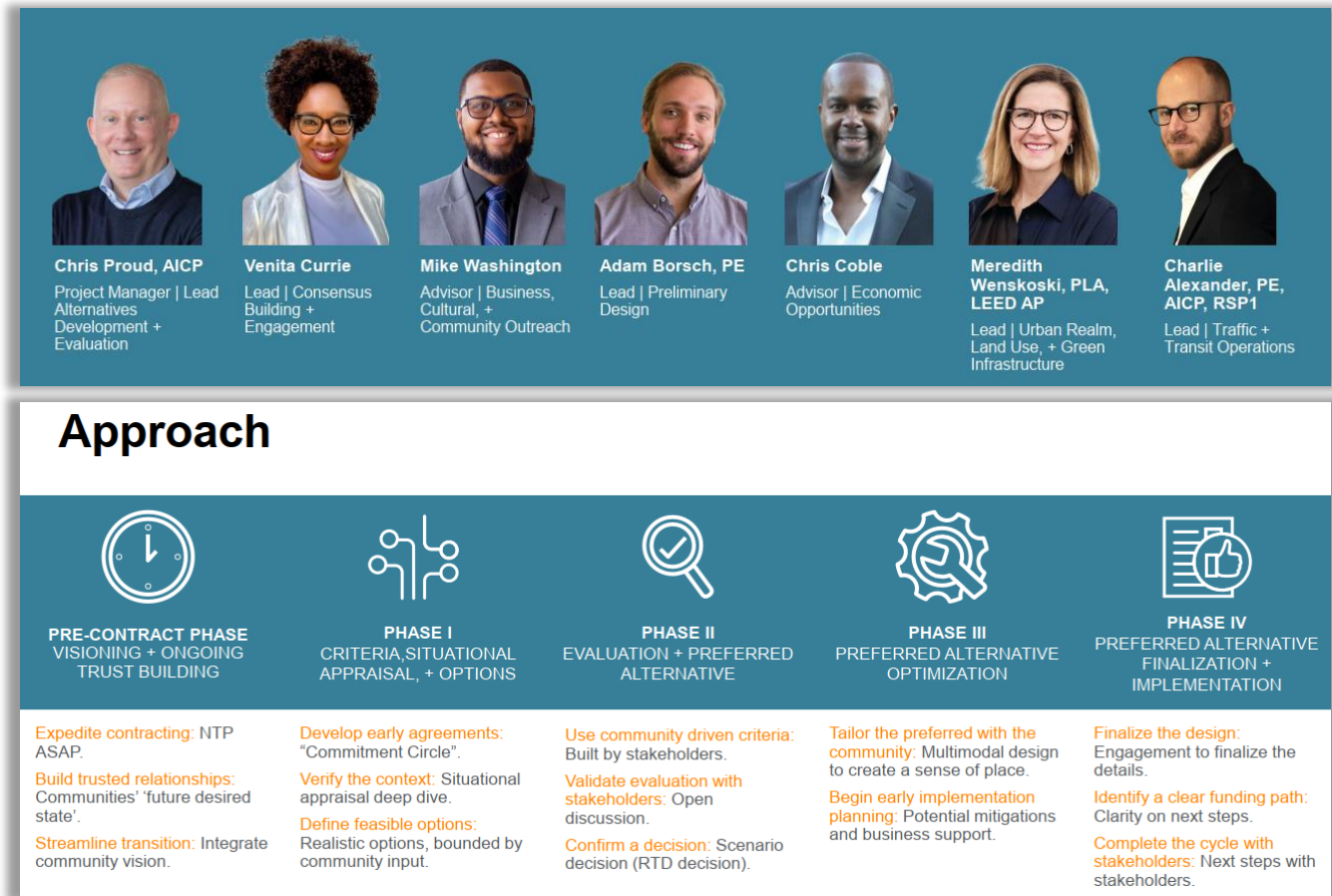
- Project team working on existing conditions, draft alternatives, and fatal flaw screening

Engagement Phase 2 will occur August-September

- Final vision & goals, evaluation framework, and existing conditions will be shared
- Draft alternatives and fatal flaw screening will be presented for feedback
- CAG Meeting #5 August 18
- Public Meeting #2 (virtual) August 27

Contract Overview

- Consultant team **led by HDR**
- Total amount \$964,000
- Tasks include:
 - Project Management
 - Community Engagement
 - Existing Conditions
 - Alternatives Analysis
 - Environmental Evaluation
 - Financial Strategy
 - Conceptual Design



Content from HDR Proposal

Welton Next Steps Alternatives Analysis Process

A

Screen 1

Mode + Configuration Feasibility

Review feasibility of various modes (vehicles) and transit guideway (street) configurations

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Alternatives Development

Alternatives are created by combining transit modes, operating guideways, and corridor configurations

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Screen 2

Detailed Analysis

Test best modes, guideways and alignments as complete routes against the project goals



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Welton Next Steps Engagement Strategy



Welton Next Steps Engagement Toolkit

Help us spread the word about the upcoming public meeting and survey!

We can provide (in English & Spanish):

- Project flyer
- Social media graphics (various sizes)
- Sample blurbs



Questions?

Public meeting: Thursday, August 27 5:30-7 PM (virtual)

Draft alternatives and screening outcomes will be presented for feedback

