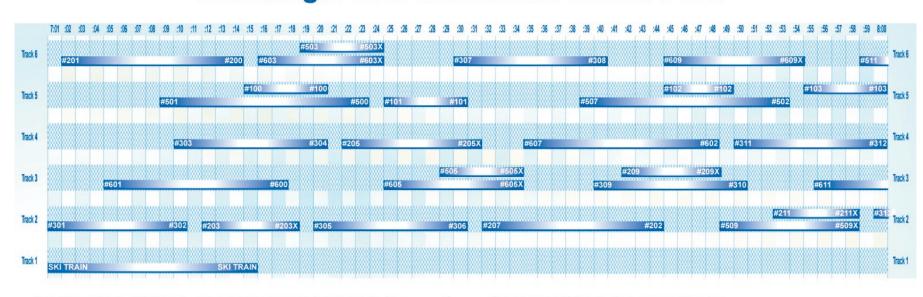
# **Passenger Rail Simulation Vision Plan**



### **Assumptions for Simulation Vision Plan (Stub Station)**

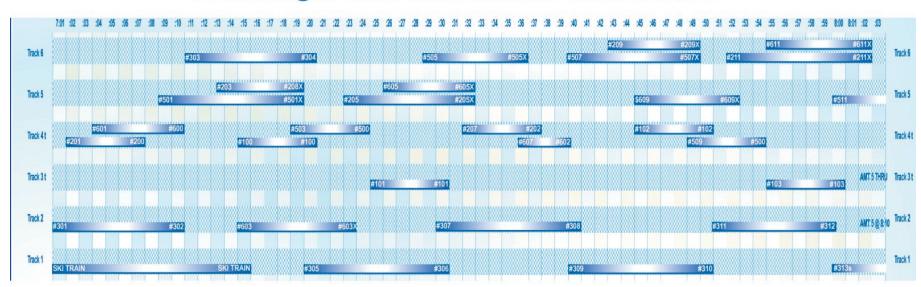
East Corridor Air Train	300	6/hr = 12
<b>Boulder Commuter</b>	200	6/hr + 2 reverse out
Future North Line	500	6/hr + 2 reverse out
North Metro	600	6/hr + 2 reverse out
Intercity NFR	100	2/hr
Intercity SFR	100	2/hr
AMTRAK #5 & #6		
Ski Train		

## **Operating Schedule Assumptions**

300 Series	Arrive & Depart	at 00 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 00
200 Series	Arrive	at 02 - 12 - 22 - 32 - 42 - 52 - 02
200 Series	Depart (rev. com.)	at 14 - 44
500 Series	Arrive	at 09 - 19 - 29 - 39 - 49 - 59
500 Series	Depart (rev. com.)	at 23 - 53
600 Series	Arrive	at 05 - 16 - 25 - 35 - 45 - 55
600 Series	Depart (rev. com.)	at 18 - 48
IC NBFR	Arrive	at 15 & 45 - Depart at 20 - 50
IC SBFR	Arrive	at 25 & 55 - Depart at 30 - 00
Ski Train & A	AMTRAK	Operate Track #1 0600 - 0900

Passenger-rail platform schedule, showing train dwell times and platform assignments over a one-hour peak period for a stub station.

# **Passenger Rail Simulation Vision Plan**

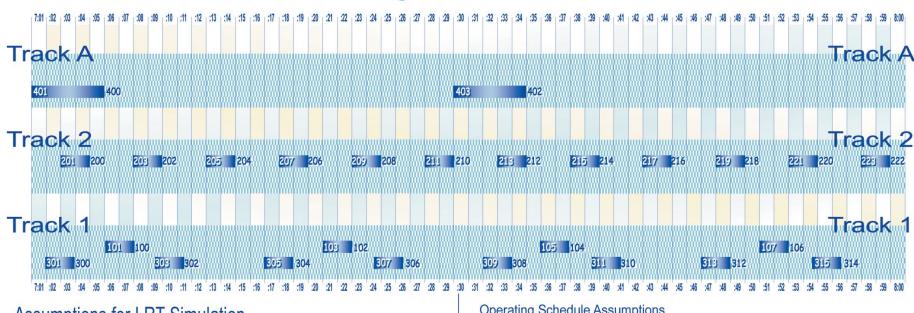


## Simulation Vision Plan (Through Station)

- 1). Intercity (100 Series) utilize CML platform with complete loop
- 2). Reverse Commuter Departures utilize CML platform with complete loop
- 3). AMTRAK #5 & #6 utilize loop on inbound leg prior to backing into #1 or #2
- 4). Ski Train utilizes loop on inbound leg prior to backing into #1 or #2
- 5). Reverse Commuter Trains Depart 05" after arrival via South loop
- 6). 600 Series trains reverse commute at 10 & 40
  - 200 Series trains reverse commute at 07 & 37
  - 500 Series trains reverse commute at 24 & 57

Passenger-rail platform schedule, showing dwell times and platform assignments over a one-hour peak period for a through station.

## **Light Rail Simulation**



## Assumptions for LRT Simulation

Southeast/Southwest	100	4/hr = 8
West	200	12/hr = 24
Gold Line	300	8/hr = 16
I-70 Mountain (future)	400	2/hr = 4

## **Operating Schedule Assumptions**

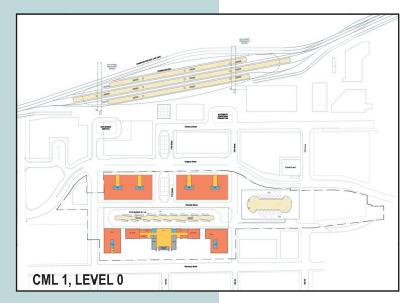
100 Series Arrive (Tk1)	at 06 - 21 - 36 - 51- 06
100 Series Depart (Tk1 - loop out)	at 08 - 23 - 38 - 53 - 08
200 Series Arrive (Tk2)	at 03 - 08 - 13 - 18 - 23 - 28 - 33 - 38 - 43 - 48 - 53 - 58 - 03
200 Series Depart (Tk2 - loop out)	at 05 - 10 - 15 - 20 - 25 - 30 - 35 - 40 - 45 - 50 - 55 - 60 - 05
300 Series Arrive (Tk1)	at 02 - 09.5 - 17 - 24.5 - 32 - 39.5 - 47 - 54.5 - 02
300 Series Depart (Tk1)	at 04 - 11.5 - 19 - 26.5 - 34 - 41.5 - 49 - 56.5 - 04
400 Series Arrive (TkA)	at 00 - 30
400 Series Depart (TkA)	at 05 - 35

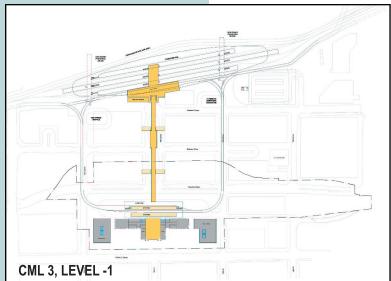
Light-rail platform schedule, showing LRT dwell times and platform assignments over a one-hour peak period.

Appendix CML Alternatives

identified possibilities for moving some or all of the Master Plan's rail components to the CML.

The Consolidated Main Line studies





#### Consolidated Main Line (CML) Studies

The possibility of placing some or all transportation components away from the Denver Union Station site on land next to the Consolidated Main Line (CML) between 16th and 19th Streets was studied to resolve the challenge of incorporating a through-station for passenger rail.

CML-1 moves just the through-station passenger-rail and light-rail stations to the CML, thus eliminating the Denver Union Station stub tracks from the 19.5-acre site. It extends the 16th Street Mall Shuttle and proposed Downtown Circulator to the CML to serve both the

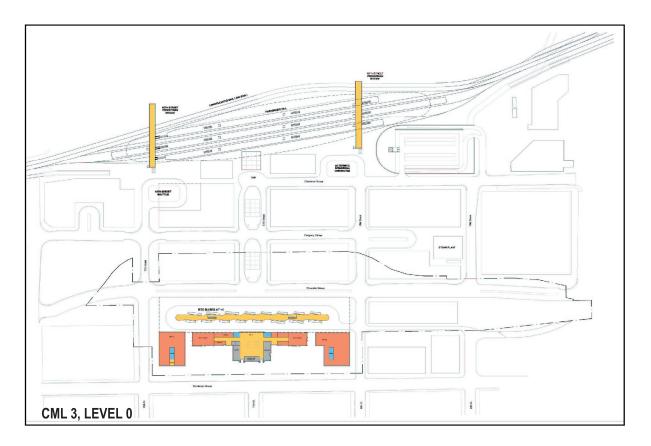
The graphics provided illustrate four options:

CML and the multimodal complex.

CML-2 also moves the through-station passenger-rail and light-rail stations to the CML. It straightens part of Wewatta Street, permitting a potential land swap for a portion of the CPV to minimize project costs.

CML-3 also moves the commercial bus facility program to the CML and straightens Wewatta Street between 16th and 19th Streets. This creates a larger land parcel for a potential swap for property next to the CML for multimodal components, and may also reduce costs of the alternative. The elimination of two bends in Wewatta could increase the function and safety of this arterial street, but more traffic analysis is needed.

CML-4 relocates all multimodal functions and the historic building to the CML, which extends the city grid without interruption by the existing tracks and DUS building. Land swaps could help realize this compact alternative with through-station rail capability and no net addition of land. The historic Denver Union Station building could be moved intact. Wewatta Street would also be straightened to increase its function and safety.

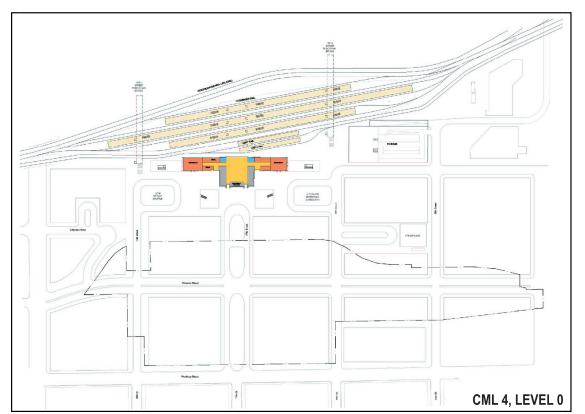


The CML options included benefits such as:

- each CML option produces a through-station passenger-rail facility;
- permitting 18th and 19th Streets to operate as through streets connecting Downtown to the Central Platte Valley;
- increasing the capacity of the multimodal station;
- eliminating the spur tracks and stub-end station;
- offering more flexibility for phasing each alternative;
- decreasing the need for temporary relocation of the passenger rail, light rail, and buses during construction; and
- easing program pressure on the tight site.

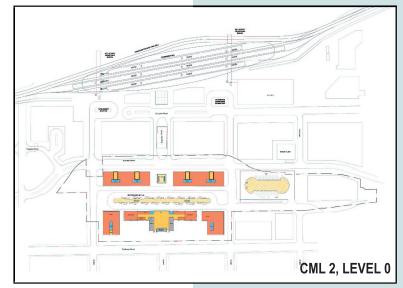
Significant disadvantages also emerged, including:

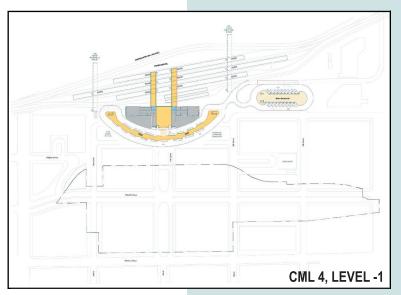
- extending the station over several blocks, making transfers less convenient and requiring other new infrastructure;
- possibly complicated land acquisitions and
- detaching the historic station from railroad uses (except CML-4 which moves the station closer to the CML);
- removing the historic station from LoDo, where it is a landmark, in CML-4;
- requiring the rezoning of the Commons Neighborhood and the Denver Union Station
- through-passenger rail service is possible only for north-to-south and south-to-north rail movements, not for commonly used north-tonorth movements;

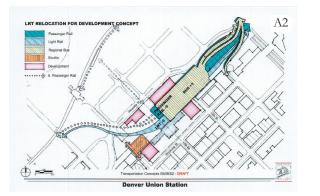


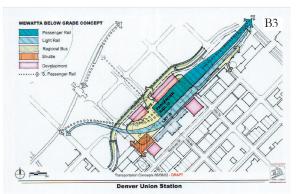
- conflicts with CML freight traffic; and
- difficult connections from the CML to the I-70 East Corridor.

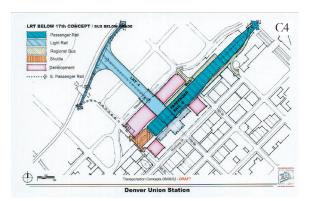
As the challenges seemed to far outweigh potential benefits, these alternatives were not pursued. Yet some elements may someday provide opportunities for multimodal expansion.

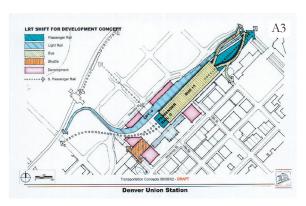


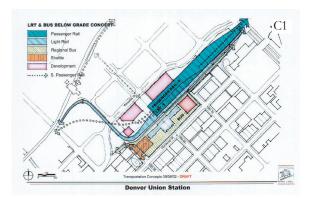


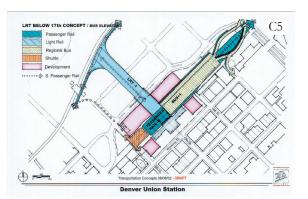


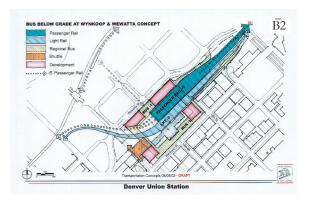


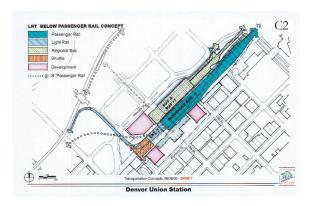


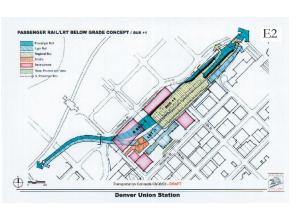












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BRT	Bus Rapid Transit	FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement	PMT	Project Management Team
ca	Circa	FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	PRV	Platte River Valley
CBD	Central Business District	FRA	Federal Railroad Administration	PUC	Public Utilities Commission
CCD	City and County of Denver	FTA	Federal Transportation Administration	PUD	Planned Unit Development
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation	GDP	General Development Plan	RFP	Request for Proposal
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	HOT	High-Occupancy Toll	ROD	Record of Decision
CML	Consolidated Main Line	HOV	High-Occupancy Vehicle	RNO	Registered Neighborhood Organization
CPV	Central Platte Valley	HT	Height	ROW	Right-of-Way
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement	LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental	RTD	Regional Transportation District
DIA	Denver International Airport		Design	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
DMAP	Downtown Multimodal Access Plan	LoDo	Lower Downtown	SF	Square Feet
DMU	Diesel Multiple Unit	LOS	Level of Service	TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
DRC	Development Review Committee	LPA	Locally Preferred Alternative	TDP	Transit Development Plan (RTD)
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments	LPC	Landmark Preservation Commission	TIP	Transit Improvement Plan (DRCOG)
DUS	Denver Union Station	LRT	Light-Rail Transit	T-MU	Transit Mixed-Use
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	MAX	Maximum	UP	Union Pacific
EOC	Executive Oversight Committee	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	USAC	Union Station Advisory Committee

