

# Mountain Line Downtown Connection Center (DCC)



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# Overview of Presentation

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# DCC History

- Located on Phoenix Ave: City owned property
- At MAXIMUM capacity
- Challenging access for buses and patrons
- Lacks customer amenities

	2008	2019
Total Annual Riders	1,000,000	2,500,000
Routes	6	10
Buses	30'	40' and 60'
Buses per day	158	355



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# Mountain Line Facility Goals/ Needs

## Goals:

- Elevate the transit experience in community
- Reflect who we are and how we treat customers
- Elevate Mountain Line throughout community
- Maintain support of Southside community

## Needs:

- Bus Bays (11 today, 13 long term bays)
- Enhanced safety operations (separate cars and buses, light at Phoenix, alignment with Mike's Pike.
- Admin offices with customer services



**Our show case  
piece. Inviting and  
welcoming for  
riders.**

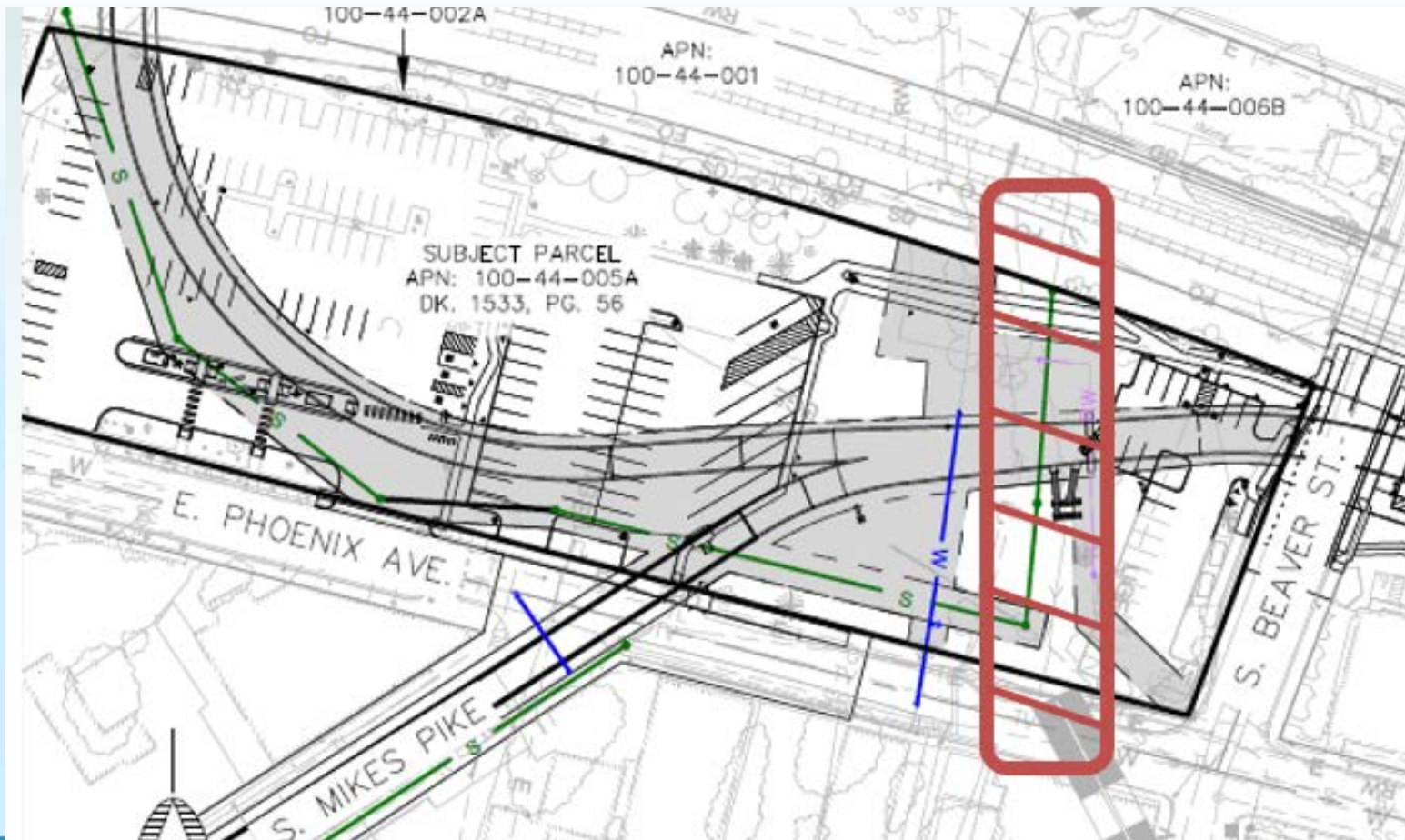


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# City

Number 1 priority is compatibility with Rio de Flag project

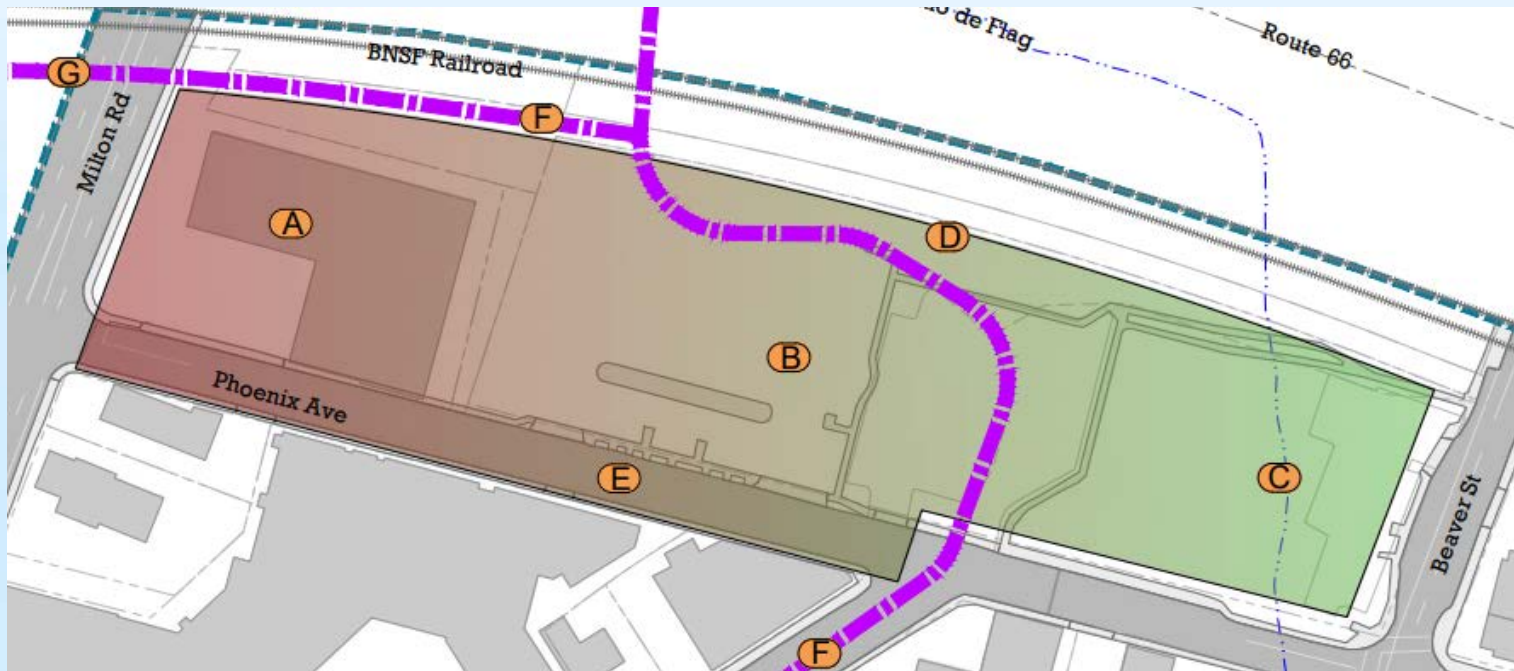


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# Southside Plan

- A. The western end of the property could be more industrial and support bus operations with site screening, a welcoming area, and community amenities.
- B. The middle of the site may be used for commercial mixed use, civic space, or as another type of transition area.
- C. The east end could be programmed for civic/park space with park spaces that invite people into the greater DCC site.
- D. Amtrak is considering moving the location where passengers board and disembark, Keeping Amtrak in the core of town with connectivity to other transportation services could be an overall asset.
- E. The design of Phoenix Avenue between South Milton Road and South Beaver Street could be altered.
- F. The Active Transportation Master Plan shows pedestrian and bike routes that will run through the future DCC.
- G. Crossings of Milton



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# Input

## PAC and Stakeholder Input Summary

- **A community amenity:**
  - Community space accessible to all
  - Active, people-friendly
  - A safe and inviting place, community pride
  - Minimize parking
- **DCC Building:**
  - Mountain Line and potentially City of Flagstaff offices only, less receptive to other users on site
- **Transit Hub:**
  - Efficient bus operations
  - Safe connections for people who walk or bike to the site
- **Site should:**
  - Reflect the diverse history of Flagstaff
  - Have elements that represent a cultural connection to surrounding neighborhoods

## FCF Survey

Beautiful civic space but low maintenance requirements, e.g. shade, benches, hardscape.

Create a space high income people would want to use that genuinely supports everyone's transportation needs. I would like to see a mix of people from a variety of economic levels coming and going in a safe manner.

The whole design needs to say, "Welcome to this amazing town!"

I want it to be a place where people want to be and linger, the civic space invites passer-by use, people choose to socialize and get a coffee or snack on their way to or from

I would like social services to include assistance and resources for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. I would just love to see a space that is welcoming to people from all walks of life.



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# Alternatives Analysis

Table 12 Site Selection Ranking Summary

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
	<b>Ranking by Category</b>		
Category A - Contiguous Parcels			
Category B - Site Access			
Category C - Land Use & Zoning			
Category D - Railroad & Utility Conflicts			
Category E - Environmental Concerns			
Category F - Bus Route Efficiency			
Category G - Sensitive Adjacent Parcels/Owners			
Category H - Partnership Opportunities			
Category I - Site Characteristics			
Category J - Cost			
<b>Total Weighted Score*</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>274</b>

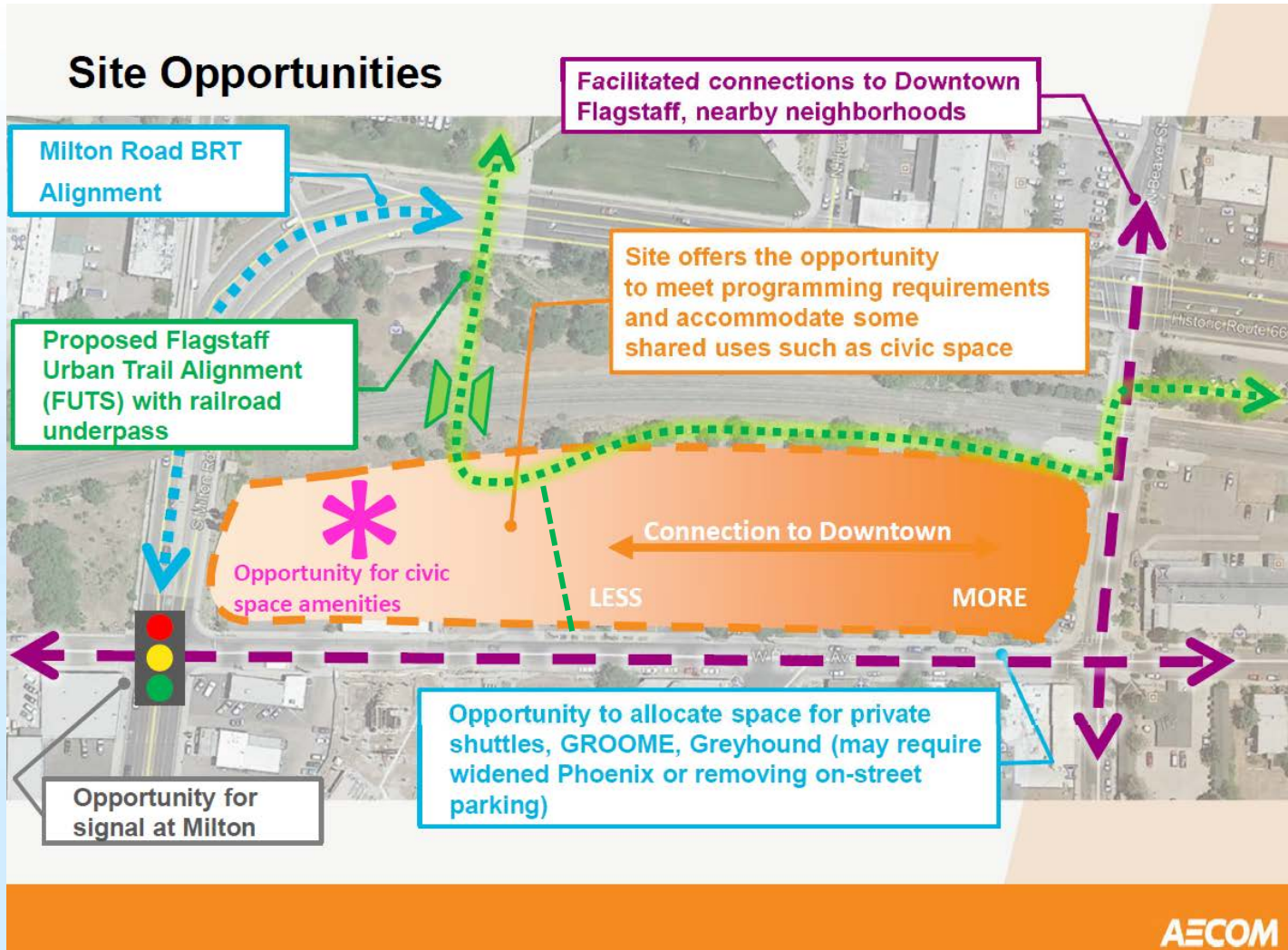
\*Based on the points by metric, as shown in Table 11



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# Site Opportunities



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# Site Constraints/ Challenges

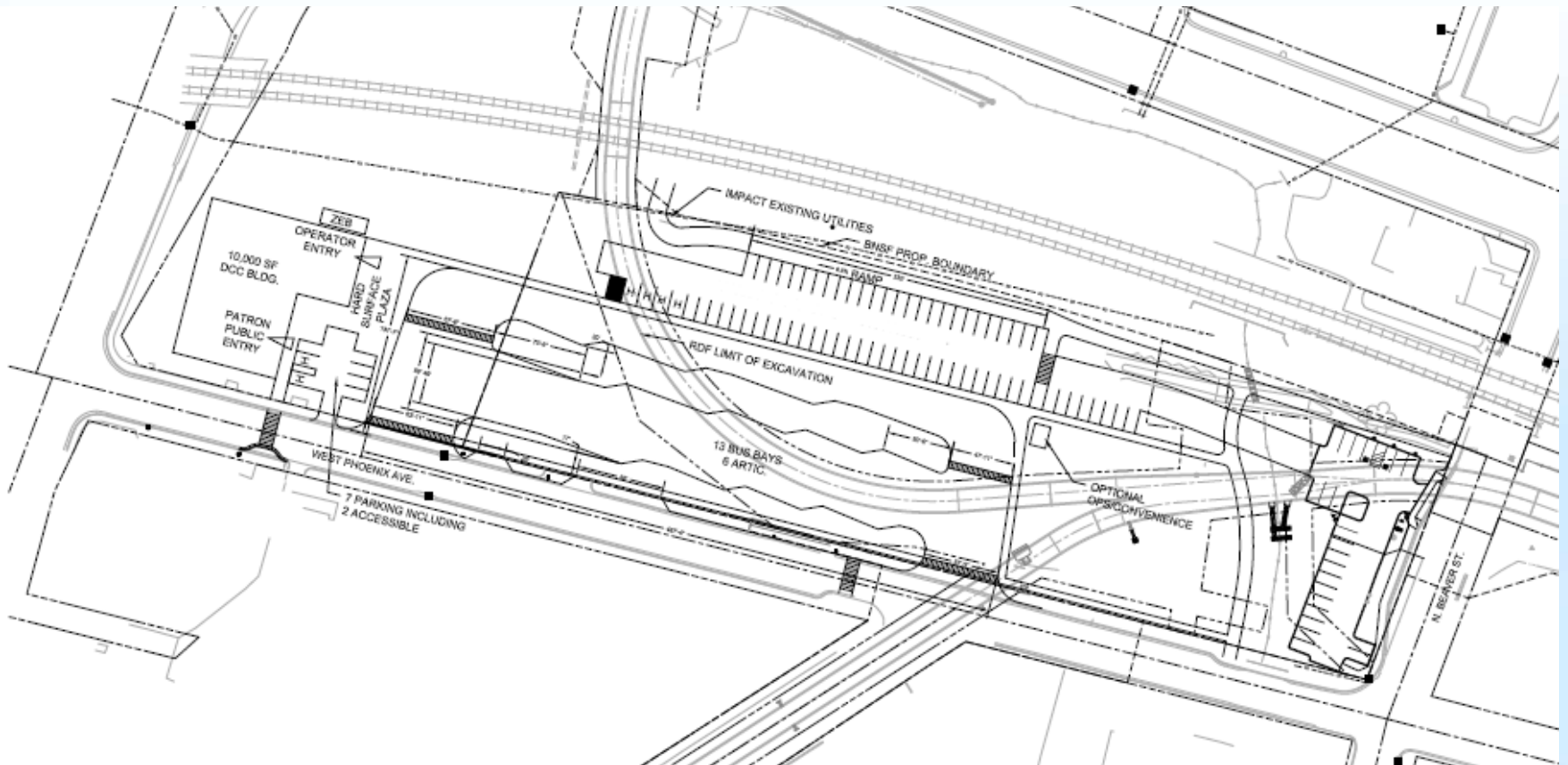
- Rio Timing
- Space for all desired uses
  - ParkFlag- 159 spaces (includes 7 RV)
  - Southside desire for civic space



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# Concept



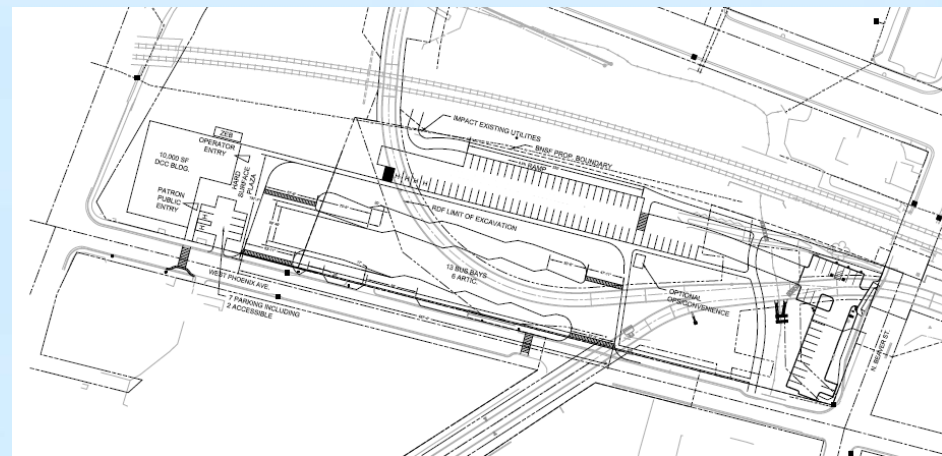
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# Concept

Prioritizes:

- Out of way of Rio de Flag, limits impacts
- Extra bus bays for growth and tour buses
- Building forward on Milton
- Ability to have civic space
- Safety
- PD substation
- Human services



BPAC funds for art: Haddad Drugan



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## Parking Impacts:

- Approximately 65 spaces versus 159
- Winter ordinance overnight parking
- Amtrak parking
- RV/ Trailer parking



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# Next Steps

## CUP:

- Continue to refine design, review by City staff
- Input from stakeholder group as well as broad outreach

## Federal Approvals:

- NEPA clearance
- FTA concurrence

## Final Site Selection:

- IGA/Acquisition agreement

### Stakeholder group

Southside neighborhood  
La Plaza Vieja neighborhood  
Transit rider  
DBA  
Chamber of Commerce  
County Sustainable Building  
ParkFlag  
Parks and Rec  
Heritage Preservation



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# Project Delivery

- **Schedule:**
  - CUP: Fall 2021
  - Final Design: Spring 2022
  - Construction Phase: 2022-2023
- **Budget:** FTA Grant \$22M



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# Discussion

Is there support for continuing to design the Downtown Connection Center at this site?



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