The CU A Line is part of RTD’s 2004 voter-approved FasTracks plan to expand transit across the Denver metro region.

Once completed, it will be a 23-mile electric commuter rail line between Denver’s Union Station and Denver International Airport (DEN).

RTD FasTracks is building seven stations on the line: 38th•Blake, 40th•Colorado, Central Park, Peoria, Airport & 40th Blvd•Gateway Park, 61st & Peña Boulevard and Denver Airport.

It is part of the larger Eagle P3 project that is also building the G Line and the first segment of the B Line.

1997: Plans for rapid transit between downtown and DEN began when RTD conducted an investment study to determine recommendations for commuter rail, light rail, highway widening and transportation management.

2003: RTD FasTracks and the Colorado Department of Transportation initiated an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process to study improvements to the I-70 East Corridor.

2007: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officials selected the East Rail and Gold lines for a public-private partnership pilot program, which gave birth to the Eagle P3 project.

2009: RTD FasTracks released a final EIS; received an FTA Record of Decision, completing the environmental process; and released a Request for Proposals seeking private partners to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the East and Gold rail lines.

2010: RTD FasTracks selected Denver Transit Partners as Eagle P3’s contractor for a 34-year concession; construction began.

2011: Eagle P3 received a $1.03 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement from the FTA, the largest awarded to date at that time by the Obama administration.

2014: The last rail was laid and the first rail vehicles arrived in Denver.

April 22, 2016 Line opens to public as the University of Colorado A Line.
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