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## Developers vie for light-rail stations near Denver airport

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Two developers say they're willing to pay some of the costs to add a station — close to **Denver International Airport** — to the FasTracks' East corridor rail line from downtown to DIA.



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The developers say a new station would support future development around the airport — and on their land. DIA officials say they're also interested in promoting nearby development, as long as an additional station doesn't add too much time to the trip, expected to take 35 minutes or less.

Gardiner Hammond, vice president of LNR Property Corp., at the High Point development near Denver International Airport.

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The companies, which have lobbied for years to add a station, are Denver's **L.C. Fulenwider Inc.** and **LNR Property Corp.**, based in Newport Beach, Calif. Each has its own preferred location for another station, and say it would cost between a few hundred thousand dollars and \$5 million.

The proposed station locations are:

- Near 64th Avenue and Peña Boulevard, to provide service for the Denver International Business Center planned by L.C. Fulenwider Inc. The development plans include a 165-acre corporate campus for businesses, 50 acres of mixed-use commercial and residential development, and a 100-acre hotel and conference center park. The development already has Frontier Airlines' former headquarters, several hotels and restaurants along Tower Road.
- Near 72nd Avenue and Himalaya Street, to provide service to the High Point Conference Center Resort planned by LNR Property Corp. The development is proposed to include a 68,000-square-foot conference center and 505-room hotel, and the Uplands office and mixed-use development.

The area already has several hotels, office space and residential homes south of 64th Avenue, and a charter school has broken ground on a new building.

DIA will pick one of the sites as the preferred location for any additional station near the airport, said John Ackerman, DIA's managing director for asset development.

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