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**FASTRACKS PROJECT KICKS OFF IN AURORA**

**I-225 Corridor Team Hosts First Public Meeting**

AURORA, CO – The Regional Transportation District’s (RTD) I-225 Light Rail Corridor Project will kick off in Aurora with its first public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007. The \$510 M (2006 dollars) I-225 Corridor Project will be a 10.5-mile light rail extension from the existing Nine Mile Station at Parker Road through the Aurora City Center and the Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Life Sciences District, to a future station at Peoria Street and Smith Road. FasTracks, passed by voters in 2004, is RTD’s \$6.1 billion initiative to expand rail and bus service across the RTD region.

Beginning this fall, an environmental planning process will assess the I-225 route, station locations and other impacts. Public participation is important and valuable during this phase. Members of the community are invited to a public meeting to learn more about the FasTracks I-225 Corridor Environmental Evaluation and Preliminary Engineering phase of the project.

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007

Session One: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Session Two: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Both sessions will present the same information. Representatives of the project team will be available all evening to answer questions and take comments.*

**Where:** Summit Conference and Events Center, 411 Sable Blvd., Aurora, CO 80011  
(off 6th Ave. and Sable Blvd., served by RTD bus routes 10 and 15L)

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A 2001 *Major Investment Study* and subsequent 2005 *3 Corridor Scoping Study* identified the following:

- The recommended alignment of the 10.5-mile light rail corridor with seven stations
- A preferred alternative for the construction of light rail from I-225 and Parker Road to Exposition Avenue, with the remaining route following City of Aurora streets – from the Aurora City Center to the Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Life Sciences District

Based on these recommendations, the FasTracks I-225 Corridor project team will develop an Environmental Evaluation (EE) that includes an analysis of alternative alignments and station locations, identifies potential impacts, and recommends ways to minimize and mitigate those impacts throughout the corridor and at associated stations.

COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. The following communication assistance is available for all Regional Transportation District public meetings: language interpreters, sign-language interpreters, assisted listening devices, alternate formats such as large print or reasonable accommodation for special needs. Contact RTD at 303-400-6175 72 hours prior to the meeting to discuss your special needs and request for accommodation.

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