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The FasTracks West Corridor project consists of constructing a new 12.1 mile light rail line heading west from the existing Auraria West station in downtown Denver, through Lakewood along 13th Avenue to the Denver Federal Center and then west along 6th Avenue and Golden to the Jefferson County Government Center.

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WELCOME

April brings excitement to the West Corridor, as milestones are met and construction hits its highest peak since the formal Notice To Proceed was issued in June of 2009. To stay up-to-date with the latest construction information, become a subscriber to our e-newsletter. You can sign up by visiting , the West Corridor Web site and while there, utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts.

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6th AVENUE BRIDGE ROLL-OUT

The West Corridor "signature bridge" will be rolled across 6th Avenue the weekend of Friday, April 23rd through Sunday, April 25th. This activity will require the complete shutdown of 6th Avenue between Simms/Union and Kipling. The frontage road between Simms/Union and Quail Street will also be shut down through the weekend.

The eastbound on-ramp from Simms/Union will shut down at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23rd. One eastbound lane will close at 8:00 p.m. and by 10:00 p.m. all lanes of traffic, both eastbound and westbound will be closed. By midnight, on Saturday, April 24th the frontage road will close, eliminating all traffic through the construction zone.

Early Saturday morning, April 24th, the bridge should begin rolling across the highway. It will travel at varying speeds, not exceeding 25 feet per hour, and could take as long as 30 hours to completely maneuver across all lanes of traffic. Once the bridge is anchored to the existing structure on the north side, crews will demobilize and reopen 6th Avenue and the frontage road by 5:30 am Monday April 26, 2010.

Due to the unique nature of this event, the West Corridor Public Information team will be hosting a viewing area on Saturday, April 24 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot located on the northeast corner of Quail and the north 6th Avenue Frontage Road. Community members are invited to stop by to observe this historic event. The easiest access to this location is from Quail Street via Simms/8th Avenue or Colfax. For more detailed information about the event, click here.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury

Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury, located off the north 6th Avenue Frontage Road between Simms and Quail Is the 'West Corridor Business of the Month". Owner, Bob Liedel, began his career in Detroit, Michigan and migrated to Colorado in 1962 to open Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury. The dealership, originally located at a small location on West Colfax Avenue, has since grown and relocated to a new state-of-the-art facility on 6th Avenue and Simms Street. During their 48 years of business, the dealership has attained recognition as the number one Ford dealer in the nation.

Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury sells, services and finances pre-owned or new vehicles. To obtain more information, please visit their website at www.lakewoodfordland.com, call 303-232-2200 or email kburkhart@lakewoodfordland.com. Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury is located at 11595 West 6th Avenue Lakewood, 80215. For information on their Corporate Pricing Program click here.

Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury is partnering with the West Corridor to facilitate a successful roll-out of the 6th Avenue Bridge and thanks Bob and his team for their helpful cooperation during construction.

Even though construction along the West Corridor affects more residents than businesses, many businesses still feel the direct impacts of construction. RTD and the entire West Corridor team would like to thank all of the businesses along the West Corridor for their outstanding cooperation and support during difficult construction times. To show our appreciation, the West Corridor will be highlighting a different business in our monthly newsletter in the "Business Spotlight" section. If your business is directly affected by construction, and you would like to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter please contact Jena Cafiero 303-626-6772 or Jcafiero@dtcgjv.com.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – AREA 1 (Jeffco Government Center to Federal Center)

Current and Ongoing Activities

Construction is moving quickly

on the Jefferson County Government Center campus as crews have closed the bike path just south of the complex and built a construction vehicle access road in its place. Excavation for the large retaining wall north of the bike path has begun and outbound traffic is being detoured to Jefferson County Parkway. Crews have closed the furthest south parking lots and the temporary parking lot on the south side is available for overflow parking. Construction will continue for several months and will include retaining wall construction, a new parking structure, underground utility relocations and the Jeffco Govt. Center light rail station.

Construction of the drainage culvert at Ulysses is nearly complete and crews are now working on the finishing touches. Wall construction along the east and west sides of Ulysses has begun, requiring the continued closure of Ulysses from 6th Avenue north to Mt. Vernon Road.

Work on the light rail bridge over Colfax north of 6th Avenue is on-going as crews pour the bridge deck and begin construction of the approach walls. The falsework that is supporting the bridge will be removed in the coming weeks and the support towers will be lowered.

Construction continues on the south side of the Indiana light rail bridge as crews build the falsework that will support the structure. A full closure of 6th Avenue at Indiana is scheduled in late spring to set the steel girders that will cover the gap over 6th Avenue and Indiana. Prior notification of this closure will be posted for traveling motorists and email notification will be sent to local residents and businesses.

Work has begun on the tunnel that will carry light rail trains under Union Blvd. just to the south of 6th Avenue. Crews are working during night-time hours to minimize traffic impacts. This activity will also require weekend directional lane closures on Union. Advance notice of these lane closures will be provided.

Upcoming Activities
In the coming months, West Corridor crews will begin work on the relocation of the off ramp from 6th Avenue to Colfax. The ramp will move to the west, under the light rail bridge over Colfax.

Crews will move into 6th Avenue to set the median caisson for the CDOT sign bridge in early May. This activity will require approximately 10 days of lane closures on eastbound 6th Avenue. Again, prior notification will be provided before these lane closures go into effect.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AREA 2 (East of the Federal Center to Sheridan)

Current and Ongoing Activities
The much anticipated roll-out of

the 6th Avenue Bridge is fast approaching. West Corridor crews are finishing up final details on the bridge/arch and will soon begin assembling the transporter that will guide the bridge across 6th Avenue the weekend of April 23-25. Once the bridge is set in place, work will continue on the deck.

The encasement of the Rocky Mountain Ditch (on 13th Avenue between Carr and Dudley) and the Wight Lateral Ditch (north of 13th Avenue between Quail and Miller) are complete and crews are now working on fence and tree removal to accommodate upcoming drainage improvements on 13th Avenue between Cody and Holland. This activity requires lane closures, and flaggers are present to allow local traffic access to the area. The drainage improvements along 13th Avenue between Zephyr and Carr also continue. Currently crews are working between Ammons and Allison and will move west between Balsam and Ammons in the next few days. Eventually, these improvements will require a complete closure of Carr. Prior notification will be provided before Carr closes.

Construction of the approach walls on the west side of the Wadsworth Bridge began earlier this month and work on the east side approach walls is ongoing. Soil compaction is an essential process to the construction of the retaining walls. This activity requires a steel roller, which vibrates steel plates over the ground to stabilize and compact dirt. Compaction work will take place intermittently in this area over the next few months. You may experience heavy vibrations during this activity.

Harlan Street remains closed between 10th Avenue and 14th Avenue as crews continue the installation of a new drainage culvert under Harlan. Harlan Street will remain closed for at least another month, but local access is allowed. Construction of retaining walls just east of Harlan began in early April and will continue there through spring.

Upcoming Activities

As the warm spring and summer months approach, West Corridor crews will be ramping up construction activities from Quail to Sheridan. These activities will include grading, drainage improvements, retaining and sound wall construction, surveying and vegetation and tree removal. All areas of the corridor can expect on-going activities throughout the spring and summer months.

Sanitary sewer improvements will soon begin along 13th Avenue at Saulsbury, Pierce, Lamar and Depew. 13th Avenue will be closed at these intersections during sanitary sewer operations. Prior notification will be given to nearby residents but please visit the Road Closure page on the West Corridor Web site to keep informed of these closures.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AREA 3 (East of

Sheridan to the Auraria Campus)

Current and Ongoing Activities

The west half of the Sheridan Bridge majestically stands over what will soon be the Sheridan Station. Girders have been set on this portion of the bridge and crews continue work on the bridge deck and diaphragms. Construction of the approach walls north and south of the bridge could start by mid-June. Eventually, this portion of the bridge will open to traffic and the current roadway will be demolished to begin construction of the east half of the new bridge.

Final touches are being added to the pedestrian bridge at Tennyson. This bridge should open to foot and bicycle traffic later this spring. Grading, utility upgrades and relocations and wall construction continue throughout the gulch from Sheridan to Decatur.

The West Corridor team is happy to announce that Knox Court has been re-opened to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Opening day was a long time coming, but the new wider Knox Court with bus bays was clearly worth the wait.

Relocation of the water line on the Federal Boulevard Bridge will require a complete closure of southbound traffic this weekend. Crews will close Federal southbound between 10th Avenue and Howard Place at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16 and all lanes will remain closed through the weekend, reopening on Monday, April 19 at 5:30 a.m. One lane of northbound Federal in the same location will be closed for this activity as well.

Upcoming Activities

With the opening of Knox Court, crews are preparing to move into Perry Street to begin drainage improvements and wall construction. Perry will close between 12th and 14th Avenues during this construction activity. When the closure dates are confirmed, the West Corridor PI team will begin notification of the surrounding community. Construction of the light rail bridge over the South Platte River will begin later this month and construction of the bridge over the Consolidated Mainline Railroad could start before our next issue of this newsletter is distributed.

For more information on construction please visit the Construction Information page on the West Corridor Web site.

HOW CAN I GET (OR STAY) INVOLVED?

One of the best ways to get the latest information on the West Corridor is to ensure we have your e-mail address. Our periodic e-mails will provide you with information essential to being an active participant. As full construction continues for the next two

and a half years, it is the best way to stay informed of construction activities. Tell your friends and neighbors to sign up on our e-mail list to receive up-to-date information, and if your e-mail changes, please notify us.

Don't forget to visit our Web site, where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor.

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