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## **WEST RAIL LINE CONTRACTOR MAKES GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM**

### **Denver Transit Construction Group Will Provide Railroad Track To Enhance Historic Exhibit at The Colorado Railroad Museum**

LAKESWOOD, August 25, 2011. Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG), the Construction Manager/General Contractor on the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) West Rail Line is gearing up for a special community contribution. The contractor is donating all the materials, equipment and labor needed to build 300 feet of standard gauge track for the Colorado Railroad Museum. More than 40 DTCG crew members will assemble on the museum property at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 27, 2011, and work through the day to place rail, ballast and ties for the needed improvements. The donation is valued at more than \$50,000.

The Colorado Railroad Museum, a replica of an 1880's style train depot, houses the largest known collection of historic records, mementos, artifacts and pictures of Colorado railroads. It also houses an art gallery featuring originals by artists such as Otto Kuhler, Howard Fogg, and Ted Rose and noted pioneer photographers including Henry Jackson, Louis Charles McClure and George Beam. The Cornelius W. Hauck Restoration Facility was designed to mirror the appearance of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century brick roundhouse. The building has a visitor area so people can observe restoration in progress.

The 12.1-mile West Rail Line was the first rail line of RTD's FaTracks program to start construction. The West Rail Line will operate between Denver Union Station in downtown Denver and the Jefferson County Government Center in Golden; serving Denver, Lakewood, the Denver Federal Center, Golden and Jefferson County. The corridor is scheduled to open to the public in 2013.

FaTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FaTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FaTracks investment initiative is projected to create more than 10,000 jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy.

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