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The \$511.8-million FasTracks West Corridor project consists of constructing a new 12.1-mile, double-track light rail line, extending west from the existing light rail line at Auraria West Station in downtown Denver, through Lakewood along 13th Avenue, continuing along 6th Avenue (U.S. 6) and ending at the Jefferson County Government Center.

WELCOME!

The month of December has seen a flurry of activity for the West Corridor design team. Your community participation throughout the recent months has been important in building a solid design foundation for our future light rail line. This month has already been highlighted by several small group meetings as well as our fifth Urban Design Committee meeting series. As we move into the new year, we look forward to refining noise mitigation efforts, holding additional *Coffee with Dennis* small group meetings, and sharing our Environmental Assessment findings at a public hearing. Please continue to visit our Web site for additional updates and information on meetings. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Urban Design Committee Meeting - A review of the topics and information presented during the December series of Urban Design Committee meetings.

Conduct of Construction - Learn more about the next steps that the Construction Manager/General Contractor needs to take before beginning construction.

Coffee with Dennis Small Group Meetings Update - Learn about the topics and trends our fourth *Coffee with Dennis* series showcased.

Environmental Assessment Update - What's next in the Environmental Assessment process?

Where Can I Get More Information? - Find out where to get more information on meetings and events, and the best ways to have your questions answered.

Urban Design Committee Meeting

Our December series of Urban Design Committee (UDC) meetings provided an excellent opportunity for the public and West Corridor representatives to collaborate on the design team's most recent updates. An abundance of information focused on noise measurement results and Federal Transit Administration guidelines related to sound walls. The 65 percent design submittal also was presented to the attendees.

Steve Long, project manager with David Evans and Associates, walked the group through a digital rendering of the future West Corridor line. This information was directly related to the 65 percent design submittal and showcased the most up-to-date features on the corridor, the team's focus for this month and immediate next steps. In-depth drawings illustrated details around shelters, railings, lights, landscapes, drainage and walls. These drawings are available *on the West Corridor Web site.*

Final measurement results compiled from recent noise studies also were presented. Specifically, topics with the most interest included locations of future noise mitigating walls. These walls will be built near households that are identified as "severely" and/or "moderately" impacted by light rail noise, bells and whistles. Attendees received important information related to affected housing and noise levels for each property, future wall locations, revised charts and application of mitigation measures. Future discussion on the walls will include aesthetics and an opt-out policy that will allow

homeowners some discretion in reducing the height of walls near their property. Noise measurement charts [also are available online](#) in the West Corridor Web site Document Center.

The next round of UDC meetings will happen in March. As always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend as the design process is still underway, and your thoughts and comments are needed.

Conduct of Construction

As the project continues to move along on schedule, and with the 65 percent design submission now behind us, all eyes are turning toward the requirements needed to enter the construction phase. But, before actual construction ever begins on the West Corridor, Denver Transit Construction Group, the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) will submit a Conduct of Construction Plan for review and approval.

A Conduct of Construction Plan outlines the construction schedule, sequence of phasing, safety procedures, and in what manner work will be carried out during the construction period. Elements of the Conduct of Construction Plan focus on how impacts directly related to construction will be mitigated and how impacts to adjacent neighborhoods will be kept to a minimum.

Some examples of considerations in the plan include use of public roadways with respect to local pedestrian and vehicle traffic patterns, mitigating noise and vibrations, providing access for neighborhoods if street closures are necessary, and parking for construction employees. The finalized Conduct of Construction Plan will be submitted to RTD for review in March 2007.

Coffee with Dennis Small Group Meetings Update

Our next *Coffee with Dennis* series is scheduled for the end of February. These meetings have been a resounding success and attendees have requested that we continue to provide these helpful one-on-one sessions. If you haven't attended one of these meetings yet, we encourage you to pick a time and location that will work for you as space is limited and seating is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. This has been, and will continue to be, a great opportunity to meet with the project manager and representatives to have your most specific questions answered. For example, as we receive more information on noise analysis results, we anticipate there will be more attention placed on understanding noise mitigation efforts and upcoming construction. So, watch your e-mail or check our Web site to [sign up for a time and location](#) that works for you. You will be prompted to answer a few short questions, including identifying those topics that you may wish to discuss.

February Dates	February Times
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Feb. 13	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Noon
Feb. 15	Noon
Feb. 20	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Noon

Environmental Assessment Update

Changes in the original design result in some changes in impacts related to historic resources and visual effects on nearby properties. Also, results are available from more detailed wetlands and noise impact analyses. RTD will assess and document the extent of any potential impacts from these changes in the Environmental Assessment (EA).

The study team has been busy collecting the information needed for this Draft EA, which is due for completion by January 2007. RTD will hold a public hearing to solicit comments on the Draft EA in early 2007. The final EA is

expected to be completed in March 2007.

Where Can I Get More Information?

By ensuring we have your most up-to-date e-mail address on file, you'll receive the most current information on the West Corridor design process. Our e-mails are full of helpful reminders such as upcoming meeting dates, events, and of course, our monthly e-newsletter. This information is essential to helping you become and remain an active participant of the team! As the project enters its next phase after the 65 percent design completion, there will be many important dates, research results, findings and milestones to tell you about. Please help us by telling your friends and neighbors to *sign up on our e-mail list* to receive up-to-date information as well.

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