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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.

WELCOME

As the holiday season is upon us and a New Year approaches, construction on the West Corridor is steadily progressing. The West Corridor Full Funding Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration is expected to be signed in mid-January and the project team is preparing to start major construction. We encourage you to keep informed by becoming a subscriber to our e-newsletter, visiting the West Corridor Web site often and utilizing the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts. To get the latest information on construction, road closures and final design, please [click here](#) to connect to the West Corridor Web site.

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In this issue you will find:

Construction Update – Find out where construction activities are taking place along the West Corridor

Noise Wall Opt Out Deadline Approaches – If you are interested in opting out of the noise wall adjacent to your property, the deadline is JANUARY 30, 2009. Call Brenda Tierney at 303-299-2401 for additional information

RTD District M Director – Meet Matt Cohen, the new RTD Board Director for District M

Project Spotlight – Meet RTD's Project Manager for the West Corridor

How do I get or stay involved? Find out where to get more information on meetings and events, and the best ways to have your questions answered

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Denver Gulch Bridges

Construction in the Dry Gulch area is moving along quickly. The decks and overhangs on both the Dry Gulch East and West bridges have been formed and crews expect to pour the deck this week. Fencing and waterproofing will follow and crews from Edward Kraemer and Sons will be complete in January.

The pedestrian bridge at Wolff Street is completed and crews are working on setting piers for the bridge at Hazel Court. Current scheduling shows this bridge being set in early January. The pedestrian bridge at Tennyson Street is still being fabricated and crews are working on backfilling the abutments in preparation of placement of the Tennyson bridge deck.

Storm Sewer/Storm Drainage Upgrades

Work on the sewer and storm drainage upgrades are moving along quickly. Work at 13th and Pikeview, 13th & Holland and 13th and Quail has been completed. Crews are currently working on the crossing at Collins, just east of Simms. Collins Street in this area is closed to traffic during business hours. In early January, improvements to the storm drainage system on Lamar Street and Pierce Street will begin. Work at both of these locations will require lane closures, but the streets will remain open. Please visit the West Corridor Web site [Construction Information](#) for current road closures.

Kipling Walls

Denver Transit Construction Group has resumed construction work at the Kipling Street Bridge. Crews have been moving in dirt to raise the elevation in the area. Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls will soon be built for the bridge approaches on both the east and west sides of the bridge. These are the walls that will hold up the track for the train to cross Kipling. This activity will take several months but will not impact traffic, as crews will be working in the RTD right-of-way along the rail bed. However, you may experience construction equipment moving in and out of the RTD staging area on the corner of Lakewood Heights Drive and Kipling Street. To see the design on the MSE/approach walls at Kipling, [click here](#).

Jefferson County Government Center

Crews have recently mobilized at the Jeffco Government Center to relocate the water line located on the west side of the facility. Work on this phase should take about one month. There are no expected traffic impacts for this activity.

MATT COHEN, RTD DIRECTOR, DISTRICT M

In November, the community in District M that largely covers Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and parts of Golden elected Matt Cohen to the RTD Board of Directors. Mr. Cohen, a graduate of Denver's East High School, is a residential Realtor for Re/Max Alliance and attended Cornell University and the University of Colorado at Denver. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Association of Realtors and is a Trustee for the Metro Denver Realtor Foundation.

Matt has extensive training in Transit-Oriented Development, graduating in the first class of the Transit Alliance Citizens' Academy in 2007. He also completed a class at the Lakewood Citizens' Planning Academy. This training will be very helpful throughout construction of the West Corridor, which runs primarily through his RTD District.

Matt, his wife, Terri, and their four children live in Lakewood, where he is a dedicated volunteer and coach. His community service efforts include serving as the Vice President of Micro Soccer, a program for over four-

hundred 3-7 year olds for the Colorado Ice Soccer Club. He is a 13-year volunteer with the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park and is the 2008/09 Club President and Board President of the Wheat Ridge Optimists.

The West Corridor team is excited to have Matt on board and will work closely with him to facilitate the needs of the community through the construction phase of this project.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Director Dave Ruchman who has dedicated many long hours to representing the Lakewood/Jefferson County community along the West Corridor. Thanks Dave. We'll miss you!



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

For the past seven years, Dennis Cole has been fervently working to move the West Corridor Light Rail Corridor from vision to reality. As RTD's West Corridor Project Manager, Dennis' involvement embraces all phases of the project from concept to planning, from planning to design and finally from design to construction. His leadership has been the catalyst for the step-by-step progress of the West Corridor line.

Dennis' experience with RTD is a repertoire of excellence, including Project Manager/Architect of Record and Construction Manager for the US36/Flatiron park-n-Ride, Design Project Manager/Architect of Record for the Central Platte Valley Light Rail Transit Spur, Project Architect for the 36/McCaslin park-n-Ride and pedestrian bridge, Project Manager for the Westminster parking structure and the Deputy Engineering Project Manager for the West Corridor project during the EIS/PE phase.

Dennis has a degree in Architecture from North Dakota State University, and his experience includes transit architecture, rail design, track layout, scheduling, budgeting, construction management and architectural design. He has a personal commitment to create a transit project that benefits both RTD and the community.

Personally, Dennis enjoys motorcycles and the outdoors. This summer he took a rafting trip down the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. Dennis has been married to his wife, Pam, for 26 years and resides in Louisville. The Coles have four children, three sons and one daughter.

The West Corridor is lucky to have Dennis Cole leading the way on the project, and his perseverance and determination to bring this project to fruition is an added bonus for the West Corridor community.

How Can I Get (or Stay) Involved?

One of the best ways to get the latest information on the West Corridor construction phase 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 the project evolves and develops, it will be important to keep all members of the community informed on 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 address changes, please notify us.

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

Where Can I Get More Information?

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