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FasTracks construction begins next week

WEST CORRIDOR BRIDGE TO MARK FIRST MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

Denver, April 22, 2008 – The Regional Transportation District will mark the first major construction activity of the FasTracks program when crews begin building the Kipling Bridge on the West Corridor the week of April 28. Denver Transit Construction Group, the West Corridor construction contractor, will start their construction efforts by building five bridges, including the light rail bridge that will go over Kipling Street. Crews began preparing the area around the Kipling bridge construction site earlier this week.

The 12.1-mile West Corridor light rail project is the first of the FasTracks corridors to start construction. The West Corridor 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.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved, 12-year program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. Scheduled for completion in 2017, FasTracks will create six new rail corridors, extend three existing corridors, build 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and expand bus service across the eight-county District.

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