



Community

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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.

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WELCOME!

Welcome!

February is upon us and activity on the FasTracks West Corridor Light Rail project is on the rise. Utility relocations are evident throughout the corridor and while early construction has seen minor delays, the contractor is preparing to start construction of the Kipling Bridge within the next thirty days. Years of anticipation on the West Corridor will soon give way to the actual bustle of construction activities. We look forward to this next phase and encourage you to stay engaged.

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Utility Relocation Update

As spring approaches, utility relocations will increase throughout the corridor. Xcel Energy is still working between Oak and Kipling Streets on both 13th Avenue and 12th Place. Power line relocations are also underway east of Kipling Street to Independence Street and the relocations from Garrison Street to Vance Street are anticipated to start by the first of April.

Xcel Energy's gas line relocation project from Pierce Street to Harlan Street is scheduled to begin in early March. Gas lines in this area will move from the south side of 13th Avenue to the north side of 13th Avenue, north of the tracks.

Early Construction Update

Early construction has experienced a slight delay, but Denver Transit Construction Group (the contractor) predicts a spring start for construction of the Kipling Street Bridge. The first visible signs of construction will be traffic control (cones, lane adjustments, flaggers, etc.) in and around the area.

The bike path that is ultimately designed to travel over Kipling adjacent to the new light rail bridge, will be detoured at Pikeview during construction. The path will steer westbound bikers north through the residential area just west of Eiber Elementary and will access Kipling Street at 13th Place. Once

across Kipling Street, the bike path detour will continue along 13th Place to Nelson Street where it will return to the current route. Lakewood will provide signage identifying a clear detoured path during the Kipling Bridge construction.

Keep in mind that the only construction for the Kipling Bridge that will happen this spring is the actual bridge across Kipling Street, the approach walls to the bridge will be built later.

Construction of the bridges in the Dry Gulch is scheduled to start in the spring as well. Construction of the Wolff Street, Tennyson Street and Hazel Court pedestrian bridges will begin shortly thereafter.

School Outreach Plan

Communications with the schools on the West Corridor during construction is vital to the safety of children, parents and faculty.

A comprehensive school outreach plan for construction is being developed by the West Corridor Public Information (PI) team.

The plan will give an overview of what local schools can expect during construction; including safe behavior in work zones and basic safety measures. The plan will also include a tentative schedule of construction activities and traffic control measures, including bus, car and pedestrian detours.

The project team is excited to work with community schools through this process and plans to provide educational materials and a steady flow of communication throughout construction.

Construction Presentation Overview

Have you ever imagined what types of equipment might be used to build a light rail corridor? Can you envision the magnitude of a 120 foot span bridge? If you're wondering what construction might look like on the West Corridor, the project team is creating a presentation to provide a concise visual picture of what construction might mean to you and your neighborhood.

This presentation will examine several elements of construction and will provide residents a better understanding of how construction might impact them. Parts of the West Corridor light rail will be built in a narrow area between homes, businesses and streets. Large equipment and crews will be ever-present in these areas, making the corridor seem even smaller. This presentation will take a look at how it all comes together. It will also address construction activities, construction equipment and construction workforces as they relate to your community.

Upon completion of the presentation, there will be several opportunities for you to see it at local government and community meetings as well as on the Web site. The presentation will also be shared with area schools as part of the outreach plan mentioned above.

Noise Wall

If you have a property that has been identified in the noise study as qualifying for a noise wall, you should have received a letter in the mail in mid-January outlining your options. If you have a noise wall planned adjacent to your property and haven't been contacted via letter, please call Brenda Tierney at 303-299-2401. We want to make sure you are aware of your options prior to the final design plans for the corridor being completed. ([*See noise wall options*](#)) Design for the West Corridor will reach

100 percent in April 2008 and the deadline for decisions are approaching soon. If you are waiting for additional information prior to making a decision, please contact Brenda so that she can provide you with that information as soon as it's available.

How Can I Get (or Stay) Involved?

One of the best ways to get information that will help you stay involved in 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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Communication Assistance Available

The following communication assistance is available for all Regional Transportation District public meetings: language interpreters, sign-language interpreters, assisted listening devices, alternative formats such as large print, or reasonable accommodations for special needs.

Contact RTD at 303-299-2401 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to discuss your special needs and request for accommodation.