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## RTD's FasTracks West Rail Line to Open Federal Center Station

### **Federal Center Station Opening Coincides with the Closure of the Cold Spring Park-n-Ride**

**Lakewood, July 26, 2011** – Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, July 31, the Federal Center Station will open to bus service and parking, as the Cold Spring park-n-Ride closes to facilitate continued construction of the West Rail Line and the light rail tunnel under Union Boulevard.

In honor of this milestone, RTD will hold a celebratory grand opening event on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the new Federal Center Station just east of Union Boulevard on 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Speakers at the event will include representatives from the Regional Transportation District (RTD), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the City of Lakewood. Interviews will be available upon completion of the official remarks. Please see attached invitation and map for specific information.

The 12.1-mile West Rail Line was the first rail line of RTD's FasTracks 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 project is scheduled to open to the public in 2013.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks 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 FasTracks 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.

For route and schedule information, please call RTD's Telephone Information Center at 303.299.6000. Call 303.299.6089 for the speech and hearing impaired. Visit RTD's website at [rtd-denver.com](http://rtd-denver.com).

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