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## **West Corridor project a step away from FFGA**

**Denver, Colo.** – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is one step closer to receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the West Corridor Light Rail Project from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTA announced today that the West Corridor is one of two projects in the nation to move up to Pending status for New Starts funding. The next and final step would be the FTA’s execution of an FFGA late this year or in early 2008.

In FTA’s Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report on Funding Recommendations, the West Corridor is identified to receive \$40-million in 2008, and \$290.55 million in all to help fund the project. The West Corridor will be the first project built and open to the public as part of RTD’s FasTracks program. The West Corridor is a 12.1-mile light rail line that will run from downtown Denver, through Lakewood and Golden to the Jefferson County Government Center.

“This is another big step in our commitment to provide the West Corridor communities with a safe, quality transit alternative,” said RTD General Manager Cal Marsella.

FasTracks is RTD’s voter-approved \$4.7 billion, 12-year transit expansion program across the RTD service area. Scheduled for completion in 2017, FasTracks will create six new commuter rail and light rail corridors, extend three existing corridors, double the parking at park-n-Rides, and expand bus service.

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