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FasTracks West Corridor to place girders over 6th Avenue at Indiana Street

Lakewood, June 3, 2010 – The RTD FasTracks West Corridor team will place the final steel girders across 6th Avenue at Indiana this weekend. All lanes of 6th Avenue at Indiana Street will close at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4 until 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 5. This closure will be repeated at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5 until 5:30 a.m. Sunday, June 6.

Motorists traveling both east and west bound on 6th Avenue will be detoured off of 6th Avenue at Indiana, but will be able to cross Indiana and immediately access 6th Avenue again. Traffic on Indiana Street will be detoured onto 6th Avenue west to Simms/Union or east to Colfax Avenue.

For the past several weeks, crews have been placing girders on the north and south sides of the bridge. This weekend's work will culminate this activity with the final steel girders being placed across the main span of 6th Avenue.

The single track light rail bridge stretching over 6th Avenue at Indiana is the longest structure on the project. With its unique curve, the bridge is an architectural wonder and perhaps the most spectacular feature of the West Corridor.

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The 12.1-mile West Corridor light rail project is the first rail line of RTD's FasTracks program 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 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.

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