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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!

As we welcome 2008, the FasTracks West Corridor light rail project prepares to move ahead with an exciting year filled with numerous changes and events. The design team has been diligently working toward the final 90 percent design submission for early February. Meanwhile the construction team has been preparing the Construction Guidelines for submission to RTD. We look forward to a year filled with project advancements, construction milestones and continued support and input from you.

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In this issue you will find:

Construction Guidelines – Learn about what will be included in guidelines for the construction process, what has been referred to before as the Conduct of Construction.

Utility Relocation Update – Get an update on the progress of early utility relocation.

Early Construction Update – Get an update on the progress of early construction.

Wall Design – Take a closer look at the MSE and sound wall designs.

New Public Involvement E-mail Address – Save the new West Corridor e-mail address as an approved sender.

How Can I Get (or Stay) Involved? – Find out where to get more information on meetings and events, and the best ways to have your questions answered.

Construction Guidelines

Before heavy construction begins on the West Corridor Light Rail, the contractor will be submitting formal Construction Guidelines. This document will address specific areas (listed below) and explain how the contractor will deal with them during construction. The final Construction Guidelines are expected to be available by March.

Federal and State requirements:

- Dust, dirt and debris mitigation
- Storm water management
- Vehicular traffic management
- Pedestrian/public and worker safety

Local Government Requirements:

- Duration of work within work zones
- Work hours including # of shifts & weekends
- Construction equipment and material storage
- Coordination of work with the public
- Protection of public and private properties
- Construction restrictions during special events
- Noise and vibration control

- Temporary road closures and detours
- Emergency vehicle provisions
- Maintenance of access to properties
- Security and maintenance of construction work zones
- Parking requirements

RTD requirements:

- Construction phasing
- Field office needs
- Sequence and staging of work

Railroad requirements:

- Special steps to ensure safety during track outages
- Railroad coordination and flagging

Denver Transit Construction Group will prepare a separate plan to facilitate outreach to schools along the West Corridor. This will be a comprehensive multi-year plan that addresses construction zone safety, traffic delays, detours and bus routes.

Utility Relocation Update

Xcel Energy continues to work on the West Corridor from Kipling Street west to Nelson Street. As weather allows, work will continue in this area through most of the year. The utility relocation construction from Garrison Street to Vance Street is scheduled to begin this spring and will continue through the end of 2008.

The Consolidated Mutual Water Company waterline relocations and encasement installations between Harlan Street and Zephyr Street are tentatively scheduled to begin in March in conjunction with the City of Lakewood's 13th Avenue Sanitary Sewer relocation construction.

Early Construction Update

Construction of the Kipling Street Bridge is scheduled to begin in February. The bridge is 120 feet long and will span Kipling Street. Erosion and traffic control will be the first tasks underway, followed by heavy construction in March.

Upon completion of the permit process, construction will begin on the light rail bridges along the east and west Dry Gulch and pedestrian bridges at Wolff Street, Hazel Court and Tennyson Street.

Wall Design

A portion of the 90 percent final design submission in February includes the design of the West Corridor retaining walls and sound walls. The final design team has designed the surface treatments of the walls to be functional public art. The patterns and textures of the surface treatments used on the walls will not only be visually appealing, they will reduce the likelihood of graffiti. In addition, when graffiti is applied to the walls, the color and type of paint used on the walls will allow RTD to cover graffiti without the graffiti showing through. Each of the individual wall designs have been developed to coordinate with the designs for neighboring stations and local entity plans along the corridor. [Click here to take a closer look at the wall designs.](#)

New Public Involvement E-mail Address

As we continue into the construction phase of the West Corridor project, the West Corridor public involvement e-mail address will change. To ensure you continue to receive all communication and the latest updates on the

West Corridor, please add the new West Corridor e-mail address, westcorridor@RTD-FasTracks.com, to your accepted senders list. Beginning in February 2008, all correspondence will come from this new e-mail address. We look forward to your continued support and participation with the West Corridor project.

How Can I Get (or Stay) Involved?

One of the best ways to get the information that will help you stay involved in the West Corridor design process is to ensure we have your e-mail address. Our periodic e-mails will provide you with information essential to being an active participant. Especially as the project continues to evolve and develop, it will be important to keep all members of the community updated and informed on design milestones and 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 of your new address.

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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