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The FasTracks West Corridor project consists of constructing a new 12.1 mile light rail line heading west from the existing Auraria West station in downtown Denver, through Lakewood along 13th Avenue to the Denver Federal Center and then west along 6th Avenue and Golden to the Jefferson County Government Center.

E-NEWS



WELCOME

Spring is upon us and with that comes a concentrated push of construction activities. Additional crews will soon be visible along the corridor as we press to complete construction of the West Corridor. To stay abreast of construction information, visit the West Corridor [website](#) often and become a subscriber to our e-newsletter. While on the website, utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts. Check out the newly updated [station drawings](#).

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Colorado Home Cooling (CHC) is the “West Corridor Business of the Month”. Located on Harlan Street just south of 13th Avenue, CHC specializes in energy efficient solutions for homes and installs attic fans, whole house fans and home insulation in the metro area, Boulder, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs.



Owner and founder, Ryan Starr, originally from Aurora, Colorado, began installing fans in 1992. He earned a B.S. in Land Use/Environment and Resources from Metro State College in 1995 and continues to promote the use of energy-efficient products in Colorado. He opened Colorado Home Cooling in 2003 with one work van and a storage space in Lakewood. Today, Ryan has expanded the business to include office space with a showroom and has enlisted several team members. Each leader on the jobsite has installed over a thousand whole house and attic fans and diagnosed and installed insulation in hundreds of homes in Denver, Boulder and the surrounding areas.

If you're evaluating the energy efficiency in your home, CHC is offering \$100 off a whole house fan installation. Click [here](#) to see

the details of this promotion. To obtain more information please visit their website: www.colohomecool.com or call 303-986-5764. They are located at 1120 Harlan Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.

Even though construction along the West Corridor affects more residents than businesses, many businesses still feel the direct impacts of construction. RTD and the entire West Corridor team would like to thank all of the businesses along the West Corridor for their outstanding cooperation and support during difficult construction times. To show our appreciation, the West Corridor will be highlighting a different business in our monthly newsletter in the "Business Spotlight" section. If your business is directly affected by construction, and you would like to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter, please contact Jena Cafiero 303-626-6772 or Jcafierno@dctgfv.com.

FASTRACKS FINANCIAL PLAN

On March 8, the RTD Board of Directors approved the 2011 FasTracks Financial Plan which assumes a ballot initiative in 2012 for a .4% sales and use tax increase with the flexibility to seek an election in 2011 if conditions support this effort. The RTD Board is devoted to completing the entire FasTracks



program. A successful .4% sales tax increase in 2011 would complete the FasTracks program by 2019. A successful .4% tax increase in 2012 would complete the program by 2020. RTD will evaluate a number of "triggers" to determine if 2011 is a viable year to pursue an election. These triggers include economic conditions, gas prices, stakeholder support and financial support. The RTD Board will make a final decision on whether to pursue a sales tax election in 2011 no later than May 3. To read the entire plan, please go to the following [link](#).

WEST CORRIDOR TOURS

The West Corridor team will again host tours of light rail construction in the spring and summer of 2011. All tours will be on the third Friday of the month (April through September) between 9-11 a.m. If you are interested in attending a tour, please click [here](#). Once you have signed up, you will be notified via e-mail if you have a space on the tour, as well as the location to meet.

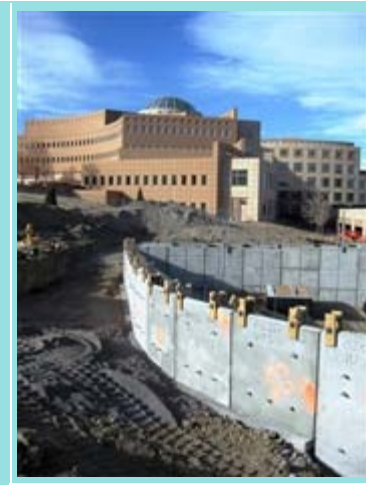


CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – AREA 1 (Jeffco Government Center to Federal Center)

Current and Ongoing Activities

- A crane has been erected near the future parking garage at the Jefferson County Government

Center and erection of the precast sections will begin next week.



- The final ballast wall in Area 1 was put in place between Johnson Road and Colfax, however construction of retaining walls in the Jefferson County Government Center continues.

- The TPSS (Traction-Powered Substation) conduits near the Colfax Bridge will be installed this week and the slope will be graded to prepare for ballast.

- In the coming weeks, the westbound ramps from Indiana to 6th Avenue and the shoulder on westbound 6th Avenue at I-70 will be demolished and refinished.

- Work on the TPSS conduits at Red Rocks Community College station continues and the conduit street crossing on the 6th Avenue Frontage Road will be completed in April.

- The station at Red Rocks will be the first station on the West Corridor to have platform shelters and furnishings installed. Look for these later this month or in early April.

- Work on the 6th Avenue Frontage Road at Arbutus Street has begun again. Lane closures will be in place while crews complete operations here.

- Installation of some drainage inlets and the relocation of an Xcel Energy pole on the east side bus turnout on Arbutus will begin on March 16. Upon completion, the 6th Avenue Frontage Road will be repaved. Lane closures will be in place during these construction activities.

- Crews have begun clearing out the vegetation on the east side of the Union Tunnel in the Cold Spring park-n-Ride. Some parking spaces at the Cold Spring park-n-Ride have been cordoned off to facilitate these activities. Current scheduling indicates wall construction will begin later this month.

- Construction of the passenger station at the Federal Center and the new Routt Street will continue for the next few months.

Upcoming Activities

The cul-de sacs at Kendrick and McIntyre will be demolished, graded and repaved within the next month. Roadway construction will ramp up in the coming months to complete civil construction in this area. Cold Spring park-n-Ride will close and bus operations and parking will move to the new Federal Center Station in May 2011.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE –AREA 2 (East of the Federal Center to Sheridan)

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Crews will soon install the LED lights on the 6th Avenue Bridge; however the lights will not be activated until the West Corridor opens in 2013.
- The track crossing at Quail Street has been completed. Crews will return later this month to begin storm drainage work near the intersection of 8th Avenue and Quail Street.
- Fence posts at the Oak Street Station have been installed and crews will set the fence panels in late March.
- Rail has been distributed to most areas west of Kipling Street. Crews will continue laying track between Kipling Street and Wadsworth during the coming weeks.
- Pavement finishes on Nelson Street, both north and south of the guideway will begin this month.
- Construction of the bike ramp northwest of the Kipling Bridge has started. Crews will pour the concrete path later this month or in early April.
- Initial ballast has been placed in the guideway from Garrison Street to Carr Street. Crews will continue to place ballast as track is laid.
- The OCS (Overhead Catenary System) foundations have been installed from Kipling Street to Independence Street.
- Platform paving at the Garrison Station will continue through the month of March.
- Crews will close Estes Street between 13th and 14th Avenues beginning on Friday, March 18th to place the track crossing. The closure will be in effect until Monday, March 28, 2011.
- The approach slabs for the Wadsworth Bridge were poured and crews will soon strip the wood frames off of the bridge. Crews are also working on a TPSS foundation under the bridge.
- Fencing is being installed on the walls just east of Wadsworth.
- Crews are installing systems duct bank and building ballast walls just east of Pierce Street on 13th Avenue, requiring the closure of 13th Avenue between Pierce Street and Lamar Street. Local access will always be allowed.
- Work on the Lamar Station continues as crews pour the station platforms and install foundations for future light poles and signs.
- Harlan Street has been reopened and RTD's portion of underground improvements in this area is done. The City of



Lakewood will return in the fall to complete their underground infrastructure improvements.

- The channel work east of Harlan Street is near completion. These improvements will facilitate better water flow along the Lakewood Gulch.

- Walls continue to be the main activity between Harlan Street and Sheridan Boulevard.

Upcoming Activities

The hammerhead at Marshall Street will be installed in early April. Crews will demolish the current road, grade it and repave to accommodate emergency vehicle access. All roadway construction will ramp up in the coming months to complete civil construction in this area.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE –AREA 3 (East of Sheridan to the Auraria Campus)

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Work on the Sheridan Bridge continues, as crews prepare to pour the asphalt deck and install fencing. Sheridan should reopen with four lane traffic in late spring.



- The remaining asphalt under the new structure at Sheridan has been demolished in preparation for construction of the light rail station underneath. Crews have begun excavating for the retaining walls and elevator pits under the bridge.

- The closure of Perry Street between 12th and 13th Avenues continues as crews work on an underground drainage culvert, install the track crossing and repave the road. Perry will reopen early this summer.

- Construction of a wall north of the guideway at Knox Court has begun. Crews are also working on storm sewer improvements and the platforms for the passenger station at Knox.

- The excavation under Federal Boulevard continues and work on the road above is moving along quickly. Federal is expected to open in its final configuration in early summer.

- The Decatur Street Bridge is almost complete. Once Denver's contractor has completed work on the channel east of Decatur, West Corridor crews will return to shift the temporary channel back to its original location. Decatur Street and all roadways around Invesco Field at Mile High should be completed prior to the 2011 Bronco season.

- The deck has been poured on the South Platte River Bridge and crews are working on emergency sidewalks, curbs and fencing.

- The deck of the Consolidated Mainline Bridge has also been completed and installation of sidewalk and curbs will be the next activity atop the bridge.

- The area in and around the Auraria campus changes daily, as crews work on underground improvements and coordinate with the Union Pacific railroad to relocate their freight rail tracks as needed to facilitate the future light rail tracks.

Upcoming Activities

Roadway construction will ramp up in the coming months to complete civil construction in this area.

For more information on construction please visit the [Construction Information page](#) on the West Corridor website.

HOW CAN I GET (OR STAY) INVOLVED?

One of the best ways to get the latest information on the West Corridor is to ensure we have your [e-mail address](#). Our periodic e-mails will provide you with information essential to being an active participant. Visit our [website](#), where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor. As full construction continues for the next two years, it is the best way to stay informed of construction activities.

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