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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

The hot days of summer are doing their part to keep construction moving on the West Rail Line. Crews have made significant progress this summer and scheduled dates have been attained. But these past few weeks of heavy rain are causing some schedule delays. Heavy construction will continue through the next several months and we encourage you to visit the [West Rail](#) website often for the latest information. While on the website, become a subscriber to our e-newsletter and utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts.

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FEDERAL CENTER STATION TO OPEN - COLD SPRING TO CLOSE

The long-awaited switchover from the Cold Spring park-n-Ride to the new “Federal Center Station bus transfer and park-n-Ride” will take place on Sunday, July 31, 2011. All buses that currently serve the Cold Spring park-n-Ride will now serve the new location, where parking spaces have increased from 646 to 1,000. Access to the new Federal Center Station will be from Union to 2nd Place. RTD staff will be on hand Monday morning, August 1 to assist customers with finding their correct gates and buses. Demolition of the Cold Spring park-n-Ride will begin on Monday, August 1 so West Rail crews can continue track and tunnel construction under Union.



Thanks to everyone for their patience while this integral piece of the West Rail Line has been constructed.

The ceremonial grand opening of the Federal Center Station bus transfer and park-n-Ride will take place on Thursday, July 28 at 10 a.m. Please join us to celebrate this major milestone along the West Rail Line. For additional information, please contact Libby Winter at Elizabeth.Winter@RTD-Denver.com.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW AT THE FEDERAL CENTER

Current improvements at the Federal Center aren't just about Light Rail and the new St. Anthony's Hospital. The entire campus will be revamped and, with several projects in the works, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Federal Center are focused on providing a sustainable future to benefit its 6,000 employees and surrounding communities. Becoming a sustainable government agency involves forward-thinking, developing sustainable practices, and being a leader. The Federal Center is doing just that. The agency's sustainable efforts include the solar installation project, the second annual farmer's market, and the business breakthrough program.

Solar Installation - As one of GSA's largest solar installation initiatives in the United States, the Federal Center is set to become the greenest federal campus by 2020. Visible from 6th Avenue, as well as at the main entrance on Kipling Street, the four-year project is nearly complete and scheduled to be online by the end of the year. The solar panels will provide more than 15 % of the Federal Center's annual electrical needs. Additionally, the power generated from the panels is enough to supply 1,064 homes for one year.

Farmer's Market - From the aroma of fresh breads to the mouth-watering local produce, the GSA and the Federal Center pride themselves on being the only weekday farmer's market in Lakewood. On June 9, the GSA kicked off its second annual Farmer's Market. The market is located at Bicentennial Park, off Main Street and 4th Street, and will be open every Thursday regardless of weather and run until early fall. Shoppers can enter the campus at Gate 1, located at 6th and Kipling Street and Gate 4, located at Union Boulevard and 4th Avenue. A valid driver's license is needed upon entry.

Business Breakthrough - Featured in cities across the United States, the program was rolled out in stages earlier this year. Over a three-day workshop, the program provides an opportunity for businesses to better understand the Federal marketplace and GSA's contracting practices. Participants will gain knowledge on how to better position themselves to work with the Federal government, learn effective marketing strategies, and strengthen their ability to win Federal contracts. This workshop will take place in Denver from Aug. 2-4, 2011 at the Embassy Suites-Downtown/Convention Center.

These forward thinking initiatives and progressive activities are what make the Federal Center an integral part of the community. For more information on these activities, the GSA, or the Federal Center, visit www.gsa.gov/r8dfc.

CENTRAL PLATTE VALLEY (CPV) TEMPORARY CLOSURE

As a result of ongoing construction on the West Rail Line and Denver Union Station, there will be light rail closures between July 23, 2011 and August 14, 2011. During this three week period, light rail will not be in service between 10th/Osage and Denver Union Station. On weekdays, all trains leaving 10th/Osage northbound will be routed through the center of downtown. Weekend light rail service between 10th/Osage and the Theatre District/Convention Center will also be suspended for upgrades to the existing light rail system. Bus service will be available to all closed stations in both directions during these light rail closures.

When light rail resumes service on August 14, the West Rail will be tied into the Central Platte Valley line and the Denver Union Station light rail station will be in its final location. The 16th Street Mall Shuttle will be extended to the new DUS light rail station starting on August 14 as well. For more information on these closures visit the [RTD website](#).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

The West Rail Line Public Information team has fielded several complaints about construction vehicles honking their horns along the guideway as they reach an intersecting road. According to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) guidelines for Maintenance-of-way (track constructors), whenever construction equipment reaches a vehicular crossing they must sound their horn three distinct times. This practice is not only in place for the safety of our employees, but the public as well. While this may seem a bit intrusive, it is a practice put in place to save lives. Once the trains start running and the crossing gates are functional, there will be no more horn blowing except in an emergency.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Erection of the cast-in-place portion of the parking garage at the Jefferson County Government Center has been completed, however, work on the structure continues.
- Station and grading operations have started just west of the parking garage and will continue through the summer.
- Crews will begin the reconstruction of Johnson Road later this month, requiring lane closures on Johnson Road into the Jefferson County



Government Center. Check the [West Rail Road Closure page](#) often for updates on traffic impacts in and around this area.

- Final road improvements on Ulysses have resumed and will continue through the month of July.
- Work has begun to restore the intersection of Indiana and 6th Avenue to its original configuration of three turn lanes onto eastbound 6th Avenue and two turn lanes onto westbound 6th Avenue. The 6th Avenue on and off ramps at Indiana could close

overnight for paving operations later this month. Again, check the [West Rail Road Closure page](#) for detailed information.

- On-going roadwork will require continued lane closures on Union Boulevard and the 6th Avenue on and off ramps. Road reconstruction in this area will continue through August.
- The new Federal Center Station park-n-Ride will open on Sunday, July 31, 2011 and the Cold Spring park-n-Ride will close simultaneously. Demolition on the Cold Spring lot is scheduled to start the week of August 1.

Upcoming Activities

Later this month the cul-de sacs at Kendrick, Juniper and McIntyre on the north side of 6th Avenue will be reconstructed. Once the Cold Spring park-n-Ride closes, construction of the tunnel under Union Boulevard will resume.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Preliminary track has been constructed between North Avenue and 6th Avenue. Crews will continue to work in this area for the remainder of July.
- Unforeseen circumstances have required the continued closure of Collins Avenue between Simms Street and Quail Street. Crews hope to get back into the area on July 25 with current scheduling indicating Collins Avenue reopening before mid - August.
- Relocation of a Qwest vault on Quail Street could be completed by the first week of August. Upon completion, West Rail crews will move back into the area to complete roadway reconstruction.
- Third party utility relocations on Oak Street also continue. West Rail crews could move back in for road work as early as August 1st.
- Crews are sandblasting and painting the sound walls between Oak Street and Kipling Street. This activity is scheduled to be complete in the next couple of weeks.
- Crews will begin painting the light rail bridge over Kipling Street next week. This work will be done during nighttime hours to minimize impacts to traveling motorists. Kipling Street will remain open; however lane closures will be in place.
- Independence Street will close on Monday, July 18th to begin road reconstruction. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Independence Street should be reopened during the first week of August.
- West Rail crews are pouring the concrete bike paths between Pikeview Street and Garrison Street. This crew will move east as areas are completed.
- Estes Street between 10th Avenue and 14th Avenue is currently closed for road reconstruction. Estes will remain closed through July.
- The reconstruction of 13th Avenue between Yukon Street and Wadsworth Boulevard is ongoing.
- Utility relocations on Teller Street continue. Once all third party utility relocations are in place, crews will move back in to finish this intersection.
- Lamar Street between 14th Avenue and 11th Avenue is



currently closed for installation of the track crossing. Lamar Street is scheduled to open by Monday, July 25, 2011.

- Work between Harlan Street and Sheridan Boulevard continues with ballast wall installation, grading and track operations.

Upcoming Activities

Upon completion of roadway work on 13th Avenue between Yukon Street and Wadsworth Boulevard, crews will begin road reconstruction on 13th Avenue between Zephyr Street and Yukon Street requiring the closure of 13th Avenue in this area. Harlan Street is scheduled to close for installation of the track crossing on August 1st or August 8th. Check the [West Rail Road Closure](#) page for detailed information on all upcoming closures.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

- West Rail crews continue working on the passenger station under Sheridan Boulevard.
- Perry Street was reopened on July 8, 2011. Crews will be back in this area at a later date to finish construction activities, but future work should be accommodated through lane closures rather than a complete closure.
- Work on the Knox Court Station continues with platform paving and electrical installations.
- Federal Boulevard between 10th Avenue and Colfax Avenue will close from Friday, July 22, through Monday, June 25th so crews can remove traffic control equipment and pave and stripe the new roadway. Federal Boulevard will reopen on Monday morning, July 25th in its final configuration with two lanes of traffic in each direction and a center turn lane. 10' sidewalks on both sides of Federal Boulevard will be an added feature in this area.
- Paving operations will require the closure of Morrison Road for two days early next week.
- Current work on Decatur Street includes grading and flatwork. Crews plan to pave and re-open Decatur Street before the anticipated Bronco season.
- Approaches to the South Platte River Bridge are currently being constructed and the bridge should reach substantial completion by early August.
- Rail and station construction, underground utility relocations and track configuration in and around the Auraria campus continues.



Upcoming Activities

As mentioned above, light rail service in the Central Platte Valley will be closed between July 23, 2011 and August 14, 2011 for West Rail and Denver Union Station construction operations. Check the [West Rail Road Closure](#) page for detailed information on all upcoming closures.

For more information on construction, please visit the [Construction Information page](#) on the West Rail Line 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 email address. Our periodic emails 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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