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Welcome

Denver's great fall climate has allowed West Rail crews to continue construction with little interruption. However, these conditions may not continue. In order to stay up-to-date with the most current construction information, become a subscriber to our e-newsletter. You can sign up by visiting the [West Rail](#) website, and while there, utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts.

West Rail Final Station Names

In May 2011, the RTD Board of Directors approved the station names for the West Rail Line. The final station names are as follows:

- Auraria West
- Decatur•Federal
- Knox
- Perry
- Sheridan
- Lamar
- Lakewood•Wadsworth
- Garrison
- Oak
- Federal Center
- Red Rocks College
- Jefferson County Government Center•Golden

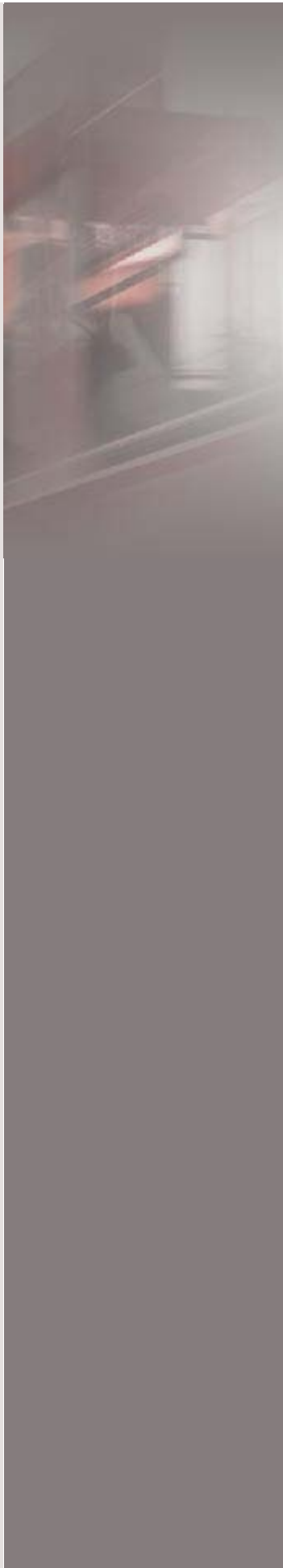
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Business Spotlight – Denny's Restaurant

Denny's Restaurant is the "West Rail Business of the Month." Located at 565 Union Boulevard, Denny's has been serving the Lakewood community for several years. Harold Denny founded the first Denny's in Lakewood, California in

1953 under the name Danny's Donuts. In 1954, Butler opened additional Danny's and expanded the menu to include sandwiches and other entrees. In 1959, with 20 locations, Danny's official name was changed to Denny's.





The Denny's family is in many ways as diverse as the general population. As of 2010, minorities made up 62 percent of their total workforce and 41 percent of overall management. Over 40 percent of franchises are minority-owned and 44 percent of the Board of Directors consists of minorities and women. In fact, Denny's diversity progress has been widely acknowledged by civil rights leaders, community groups, and many publications, including *Hispanic Business*, *Black Enterprise*, *Asian Enterprise* and *Family Digest*. *Fortune* even ranked Denny's in its list of "America's 50 Best Corporations for Minorities" two years in a row. Everyone at Denny's may be unique, but they share a common goal - they care. And therein lays their strength.

We want to thank Denny's Restaurant for their on-going cooperation and patience with West Rail construction. The installation of two water meters required an overnight closure of the restaurant and improvements along Union Boulevard have closed their entrance on more than one occasion. Denny's Manager, Sergio Cortez, is always a pleasure to work with. He knows that improvements to the infrastructure along the Union Boulevard Corridor will only grow his business in the long run. Stop in and visit this local business supporting enhancement of your neighborhood.

Even though construction along the West Rail Line affects more residents than businesses, many businesses still feel the direct impacts of construction. RTD and the entire West Rail team would like to thank all of the businesses along the West Rail Line for their outstanding cooperation and support during difficult construction times. To show our appreciation, the West Rail Newsletter highlights. If your business is directly affected by construction, and you would like to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter, please contact Katie Angell at 303-299-2266 or email at Katie.Angell@RTD-Denver.com.

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Completing the fleet

Another milestone for the FasTracks program was reached on October 5 when

the final light rail vehicle was received from the California-based manufacturer, Siemens Rail System Division. This delivery completes the 55 vehicle order that was made for the FasTracks program and



brings the RTD light rail fleet to a total of 172 vehicles, a far cry from the first 11 light rail cars that were purchased as part of the first rail line (the Central Corridor) in 1994.

The final vehicle was delivered via rail to RTD's Mariposa Light Rail Maintenance Facility where Siemens crews will assemble the final items including the mirrors, lights, and other elements. For safety and operations, all new rail cars undergo a "burn in" testing process, logging 1,500 miles of successful operation, before being integrated into existing service. The cars will be moved in and out of service until the West Rail Line opens in May of 2013.

The FasTracks program sustainability efforts are evident as the acquired cars are the cutting edge of light rail technology, operating more efficiently by using less electricity. Light rail cars can log over two million miles, averaging 30 years of service. Additionally, each of the 81-foot long cars can accommodate 185 seated and standing passengers.

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Construction Update – Area 1 (Jefferson Government Center to Federal Center)

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Work continues on the parking garage and station at the Jefferson County Government Center. Work on the structure should be completed by the end of November 2011 and station and guideway work will continue through the winter months.



- The track crossing and reconstruction of Johnson Road was successfully completed during the month of September. Johnson Road is now open into the Jefferson County Government Center.

- Track crews are distributing ties and rail from Johnson Road to the west end of the Jefferson County Government Center.

- Roadway improvements continue to require lane closures on Union Boulevard and the 6th Avenue on and off ramps at Union Boulevard. Construction on the southbound lanes of Union Boulevard will continue through November however, construction on the northbound lanes will be postponed until the spring of 2012.

- Crews continue to phase the excavation of the light rail tunnel under Union Boulevard. The entire depth of the tunnel should be completed by mid-November.

Upcoming Activities

- Road reconstruction on Ulysses Street has been postponed until the spring of 2012.
- The track crossing at Routt Street is scheduled to begin the week of October 24 with construction of the North Avenue track crossing scheduled to begin immediately thereafter.

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Construction Update – Area 2 (East of the Federal Center to Sheridan)

Current and Ongoing Activities

- The reconstruction of 8th Avenue between Simms Street and Quail Street is nearing completion. 8th Avenue should reopen to through traffic by October 21, 2011.
- Utility relocations on Quail Street and Oak Street have been completed. West Rail crews are scheduled to lay the remaining asphalt in both locations by the end of October. This activity will require full closures of both roadways. For more detailed information, please visit the Road Closure page on the [West Rail](#) website.
- Construction of the passenger station and parking lot at Oak Street will continue through October.
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue between Zephyr Street and Yukon Street has been completed. 13th Avenue between Wadsworth Boulevard and Garrison Street is now open.
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the south side between Wadsworth Boulevard and Vance Street is underway.
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the north side between Vance Street and Teller Street is underway. 13th Avenue in this area should open by October 21.
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the north side between Pierce Street and Newland Street is underway.
- Crews are placing concrete on the bike path between Marshall Street and Newland Street.
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the south side between Lamar Street and Harlan Street is underway. This section of 13th Avenue is closed to through traffic during this operation.



Upcoming Activities

- Weather pending, reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the south side between Vance Street and Teller Street could begin in early November.

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Construction Update – Area 3 (East of Sheridan to the Auraria Campus)

Current and Ongoing Activities

• The station platforms under Sheridan Boulevard have been constructed and the shelters have been set, as have the elevator shafts on both sides of the Sheridan Bridge.



- Copper-colored roofs on the station shelters at Perry Street, Knox Court and Auraria have been placed.
- Knox Court is currently closed for construction of the track crossing as well as the final roadway improvements.
- The construction of track between Knox Court and Federal Boulevard is on-going.
- Crews have created the foundation for the Decatur/Federal passenger station platforms and work on the station will continue through the end of the year.
- 13th Avenue between Rio Court and Osage Street closed in early October for crews to complete road reconstruction activities.
- Roadwork on 5th Street, as well as passenger walkways connecting to the passenger station continues.
- Construction of the Auraria Campus parking lot has begun.

Upcoming Activities

- Crews will be installing water taps and beginning construction of the fire department access road near 12th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard.
- Systems work at the Decatur/Federal Station will begin later this fall.
- The Auraria West Station will open on Monday, October 31, 2011.

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

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How can I get (or stay) involved?

One of the best ways to get the latest information on the West Rail Line 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 Rail Line. As construction continues for the next 18 months, it is the best way to stay informed.

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