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Welcome

Fall is in the air and the last opportunity to place asphalt and concrete this year may be upon us. West Rail crews continue their fast pace to complete reconstruction of 13th Avenue this season. Stay abreast of construction information by visiting the [West Rail](#) website often and while there, become a subscriber to our e-newsletter and utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts.

We've been working on the railroad

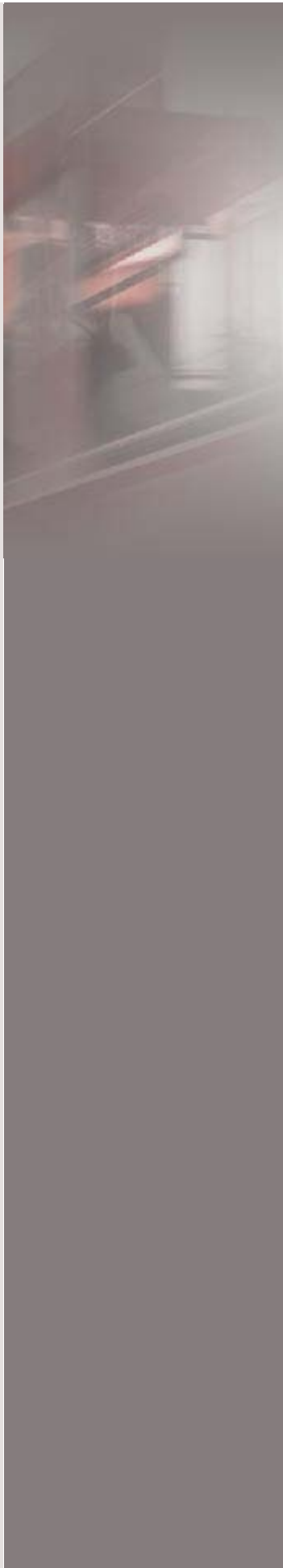
Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG), the Construction Manager/General Contractor on the West Rail Line, donated more than \$50,000 worth of materials, equipment and labor to the Colorado Railroad Museum to build track needed to relocate the museum's standard gauge boxcars. On Saturday, August 27, more than 40 DTCG crew members donated their skills and materials in a community event that brought approximately 300 spectators to the museum grounds.



"This event was a great community effort put forth by the Colorado Railroad Museum and DTCG," said John West, DTCG Project Manager. "Bill Robie, a Colorado Railroad Museum Board member, communicated the museum's needs to DTCG's Track Superintendent, Mike Spalding, and Spalding spearheaded a collective outreach effort. It turned out to be a huge success for all involved." DTCG also partnered with associated suppliers, subcontractors, companies and individuals to donate an additional \$9,000, giving a total of nearly \$60,000 to the museum.

The Colorado Railroad Museum, a replica of an 1880's style train depot, houses the largest known collection of historic records, mementos, artifacts and photos of Colorado railroads. It also houses an art gallery featuring originals by artists such as Otto Kuhler, Howard Fogg, and Ted Rose and noted pioneer photographers including Henry Jackson, Louis Charles McClure and George Beam.

Packed with information on railroad history, visitors can view railroad equipment, restored railcars, the photo gallery, and the newly built railroad track. For more information, visit the [Colorado Railroad Museum](#) web site. or call 303-279-4591.



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West Rail Block Parties

On the hot summer morning of July 23, Eiber neighborhood residents slowly ascended upon Richey Park, where the mouthwatering smell of hot dogs and hamburgers filled the air. Neighbors were greeted by old friends and new as they made their way through the buffet line. The same scenario played out at Paco Sanchez



Park on August 20 as the Villa Park and Sun Valley neighbors joined us and at the Two Creeks neighborhood event in Molholm Park on September 10.

In an effort to demonstrate our appreciation for their patience and cooperation during construction, the West Rail project team organized Block Parties for area residents. More than 300 people attended the parties as DTCG Engineers manned the grill. Neighbors enjoyed food, camaraderie and an opportunity to visit with members of the project team outside of working conditions.

We all know how impactful construction can be to residents along the corridor and the overall support of West Rail communities has made working in their neighborhoods a pleasure.

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FasTracks CAC to meet in Lakewood

On Wednesday, September 21, the FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is coming to the West Rail Line to get citizen feedback. The 17-member volunteer committee advises the Regional Transportation District (RTD) on matters relating to the FasTracks program. They are traveling around the district with their quarterly meetings to make it easier for stakeholders to offer

input to the group.

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011

6 - 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
9200 West 10th Ave. (10th & Garrison)

The CAC was established by the RTD Board of Directors in 2004 as an 11 member committee and was expanded to 17 members in 2008. All members are residents of the Regional Transportation District. Members of the committee are appointed to three (3) year staggered terms. Their mission includes providing region-oriented advice to the RTD Board of Directors on issues related to the implementation of the FasTracks Plan as well as promoting public awareness and understanding of the FasTracks Plan and its implementation.

Stop by on the 21st and share your "lessons learned" on the West Rail Line with the members of the CAC.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Finish work continues on the parking garage at the Jefferson County Government Center. Work on the structure will continue through the fall.
- On September 9, 2011, Johnson Road was closed between 6th Avenue and the entrance to the Jefferson County Government Center. Under this closure, West Rail crews will install the track crossing and repave the roadway. Johnson Road is scheduled to re-open on Sunday, September 25, 2011.
- The demolition and reconstruction of the cul-de-sacs at Kendrick Street, Juniper Street and McIntyre Street on the north side of 6th Avenue have been completed.
- The Traction Power Substation on Juniper Street was installed early last week.
- The eastbound 6th Avenue on-ramp from Indiana Street will be restored to its original configuration of three turn lanes onto eastbound 6th Avenue. To accommodate this activity, the 6th Avenue on-ramp at Indiana could close overnight for paving operations. Check the West Rail [Road Closure](#) page for detailed information.
- The first copper colored roof on the station canopy was installed at Red Rocks Community College station.
- Roadway improvements continue to require lane closures on Union Boulevard and the 6th Avenue on and off ramps at Union Boulevard. Road reconstruction in this area will continue through September.
- Demolition of the Cold Spring lot has been completed and the tunnel under Union Boulevard is visible. Crews will continue to work in the tunnel for the next



four to six weeks.

- With the demolition of Cold Spring, crews are constructing the rail that will take the trains into the tunnel.

Upcoming Activities

Drainage improvements under North Avenue near the Federal Center Station could begin later this month.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

- West Rail crews are installing the track crossing and repaving 8th Avenue between Simms Street and Quail Street. 8th Avenue in this area is closed until later this month.
- Construction of the passenger station and the parking lot at Oak Street has resumed. The parking lot should be paved by mid-October.
- Utility relocations on Oak Street and Quail Street continue. West Rail crews will move back in for road work when these relocations are complete.
- The final layers of asphalt were installed at Garrison Street, Estes Street, and Carr Street earlier this month.
- Crews are working on the bike path between Carr Street and Wadsworth Boulevard.
- The reconstruction of 13th Avenue between Zephyr Street and Yukon Street began in late August, requiring the closure of 13th Avenue between these two intersections.
- Crews have resumed work on the Wadsworth Station on top of the bridge as well as installing Overhead Catenary Poles.
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the north side between Vance Street and Teller Street is underway. 13th Avenue in this area will be closed through September.
- West Rail crews are working on final activities along 13th Avenue between Newland Street and Lamar Street. This section of 13th Avenue will be closed to through traffic during this operation.
- Finishing touches to the bike path between Marshall Street and Harlan Street continue. The bike path in this area should be completed by the end of September.



Upcoming Activities

- Once the parking lot and access road at the Oak Street Station have been completed, crews will place the final layer of asphalt on Oak Street.
- Construction of the hammerheads at 13th Avenue on Brentwood Street, Ammons Street, Allison Street, Zephyr Street and Yarrow Street will begin later

this month.

- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the south side between Wadsworth Boulevard and Vance Street could begin later this month or in early October. Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the south side between Vance Street and Teller Street will follow the construction between Wadsworth Boulevard and Vance Street
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue on the south side between Pierce and Newland is scheduled to begin on September 16th, closing 13th Avenue in this area.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

- Paving operations on the passenger station platforms under Sheridan Boulevard will continue through the month.
- The station furnishings at Knox Court have been set.
- Rail crews are distributing rail and ties between Knox Court and Federal Boulevard and between the Lakewood Gulch Bridge and the South Platte River Bridge.
- Construction activities on the Federal/Decatur station are ongoing.
- After months of bridge and road construction work, as of August 22, Decatur Street opened.
- Shoshone Street is open, however, there is no through access at Old Colfax Avenue.
- Rail and station construction, underground utility relocations and track configuration in and around the Auraria campus continues.
- Curtis Street has been opened and crews have closed 5th Street for improvements. 5th Street will remain closed through September.
- The old Auraria West passenger station has been demolished and the new station should open later this fall.



Upcoming Activities

- Within the next few weeks, Knox Court will close to allow crews to place the track crossing and reconstruct the roadway.
- Zuni Street is open, however, Zuni Street will close in the coming weeks to continue to upgrade storm systems and reconstruct the road.
- Work on 13th Avenue near the Burnham Yard lead railroad tracks is currently scheduled in October.
- Final roadway improvements on Old Colfax Avenue will begin as soon as the City and County of Denver finishes their sanitary sewer improvements.

For more information on construction, please visit the [Construction Information](#)

page on the West Corridor website.

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