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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 air is getting crisper as fall approaches and West Corridor crews are working tirelessly to make the most of the warm weather days left in 2010.

We'd like to thank the over 300 community members who attended tours of the West Corridor this summer. It was fun to show off all the progress. We'll be offering the tours again next summer so watch for the notices.

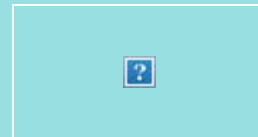
We encourage you to stay up-to-date with the most current construction information by becoming a subscriber to our e-newsletter. You can sign up by visiting the West Corridor [website](#), and while there, utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT- LAKEWOOD CHIROPRACTIC OFFICES

Lakewood Chiropractic Offices is the "West Corridor Business of the Month." Located on the corner of 13th Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard, owner Dr. Art Phelps has been serving the Lakewood community for 32 years. In 1978, Dr.



Phelps purchased Lakewood Chiropractic Offices from Dr. Ed Peterson, who had practiced Chiropractics at the corner of 14th and Wadsworth since 1951. After the acquisition, Dr. Phelps moved the practice to its current location, where he was joined by Dr. Jim Phelps in October of 1986. Their office manager, Cathy Ray, has worked with them for 31 years.

Dr. Phelps comments, "I've practiced and lived in Lakewood for 32 years and have seen many changes on Wadsworth. This location has always provided great visibility for my business and

accessibility for my patients. I look forward to the completion of the FasTracks project, which will bring some exciting and positive changes to this area.”

Lakewood Chiropractic Offices provide expert chiropractic care in a warm, friendly and caring environment designed to help patients live a more healthy and active life. They offer a full spectrum of chiropractic services including physical therapy, rehabilitative exercise programs, massage therapy, and nutritional advice. If you are experiencing back pain, let the professionals at Lakewood Chiropractic Offices take care of your needs. Dr. Art and Jim Phelps will help you heal from injuries and enjoy a life that is not encumbered by chronic pain. Give them a call today to schedule your appointment!

We want to thank Lakewood Chiropractic Offices for their on-going cooperation and patience with West Corridor construction. To schedule an appointment or to obtain more information please call 303-233-5656 or email spine1296@yahoo.com.

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 RTD FasTracks Newsletter 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 Megan Ehrenberg at 303-299-2266 or email at Megan.Ehrenberg@rtd-fastracks.com.

THE EIBER NEIGHBORHOOD

The West Corridor project impacts the lives of many residents. Local neighborhoods and community organizations have been helpful throughout the project. This new newsletter segment will highlight the history and community contributions of the West Corridor neighborhoods. To view more information on West Corridor history, view the [History Fun Facts fact sheet](#), on the West Corridor website.



The Eiber neighborhood, located between Wadsworth Boulevard and Oak Street and Colfax Avenue and 6th Avenue, developed from open farm land to rural residential use in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The area still holds many clues to its agricultural past in the form of ditches and ponds that diverted water from Clear Creek to irrigate the orchards and farms that supplied Denver with produce. Many of these farms were subdivided into five-acre lots and the lots on Carr Street, Garrison Street and Kipling Street reveal many of the oldest homes, some of the first to be situated on the newly subdivided farms.

One of the last farms to be subdivided was the Smith farm,

located in the vicinity of Colfax Avenue and Garrison Street (known at the time as Smith Road). With the advent of the trolley line in the 1890s, a stop known as Smith Station was constructed at Smith Road (Garrison Street) and what is now 13th Avenue. Smith Station was primarily used to get local produce, including sugar beets, apples, corn, cherries, poultry, and a variety of vegetables to the Denver markets.

Shortly after Lakewood was incorporated in 1969, another housing boom occurred and several apartment complexes and a supermarket replaced the golf course which used to occupy the area. Most of the homes on Garrison Street were torn down in the process and all that remains to identify the Smith farm's original location is a single corner fence post made of cobblestone; presently located at 13th Ave. and Garrison St. at the site of the old Smith Station.

When the farms broke up, the use of Smith Station changed from a produce landing to a drop-off point for workers commuting to the Remington Arms factory located at the Denver Federal Center during WWII. The rail line transitioned from trolley to freight use, ferrying materials and munitions between the Federal Center and Denver's rail yards. As the war effort waned, the use of the rail line decreased to one or two trips per week. The old rail line was formally abandoned in the late 1970s and was then purchased by the Regional Transportation District in 1988 to build the future West Corridor line.

Today the Eiber Neighborhood organization or "Eiberhood" is focused on maintaining a low-density, single-family residential character, improving the appearance and condition of apartments in the area, and mitigating the impacts of the West Corridor light rail line. Eiberhood Board meetings are open to the public and are typically scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood United Methodist Church at 1390 Brentwood Street.

Our thanks go out to Paul Ditson for his assistance in providing the historical data on the Eiber Neighborhood

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

The final cut for the retaining wall at the Jeffco Government Center is now complete and the new finish has entirely altered the once dull concrete slabs. The natural blending effect of the final finish has created a truly magnificent structure that



complements the existing hillside. The round-about as you enter and exit the parking lot should be reopened in the next few weeks, requiring construction traffic is sharing the roadway with motorists into the government center.

Ulysses Street remains closed as crews rebuild the intersection of 6th Avenue and Ulysses to prepare for track lay-down later this year. Work on the new storm sewer system should finish up this

month and crews are optimistic that Ulysses Street will re-open sometime this winter.

Work continues on the approaches to the newly painted Colfax Bridge and crews have bottomed out the tunnel under I-70. Continuing operations in these areas include the application of the concrete finish on the walls in the tunnel and track work.

From I-70 east toward Union, motorists can see the rail welding operations taking place. Ballast wall and sub-ballast installation is ongoing, as this area will be one of the first to see final track in place.

The last concrete deck pour on the light rail bridge over Indiana Street was completed in early September and Edward Kraemer and Son's crews continue work on top of the bridge to install emergency sidewalks, curbs and fencing.

The platform and electrical systems are in place at the future Red Rocks Community College station and the track welding crew will be working in this location.

Upcoming Activities

Work on the Jeffco Government Center parking structure will begin in October. Grading, slope reconstruction and sub-ballast installation will all continue for the next few months.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

Drainage improvements are ongoing on the Federal Center property and grading for the new Routt Street has begun. Work on the park-n-Ride for the new station is right around the corner and grading operations could begin as early as October 1.



Girders were successfully set on the south side of the 6th Avenue Bridge earlier this month and crews continue work on emergency sidewalks and fencing.

The light rail guideway is obvious between Collins and 8th Avenue now and sub-ballast is in place. Moving east, crews are installing the systems duct bank near the future Oak Street Station and rail strands are clearly visible between Oak and Quail.

Final installation of retaining and sound walls along 13th Avenue west of Wadsworth are near completion and final paint color will soon be applied. Reconstruction of 13th Avenue from Garrison east to Zephyr is ongoing. Weather permitting, this activity should be completed by mid to late October and residents will see a new wider 13th Avenue for the winter months.

Work on the light rail bridge over Wadsworth Boulevard is in a holding pattern as Lakewood and RTD finalize the betterments for the station that will sit atop the bridge. Once these plans are available, construction of the station will continue with platform,

stairs and elevator tower installation. Upon completion, crews will remove portions of the existing roadway west of Wadsworth and install new curb, gutter and asphalt.

Work on the storm drainage at Lamar Street and Pierce Street was completed earlier this month and retaining wall installation between Lamar and Harlan is ongoing. Crews will soon begin widening the channel that runs from Harlan Street to Sheridan Boulevard and at the same time, work on final drainage improvements. The channel work will not impact roadways.

Upcoming Activities

The reconstruction of 13th Avenue between Garrison and Zephyr will begin this month and carry over into October. Sound wall installation along 13th Avenue is ongoing.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities

Traffic was successfully switched to the new structure on Sheridan Boulevard and work has resumed on the east side of the roadway. Current activities include the demolition of the old Sheridan Boulevard and construction of the adjoining structure on the east side. Construction on the bridge will continue through the winter.



Excavation between Knox Court and Federal Boulevard has resumed and crews are also working on storm sewer installations in this area.

Last weekend, crews switched traffic to the west side of Federal Boulevard to continue the demolition of the old Federal Boulevard Bridge. Motorists are now utilizing the new structure and two lanes of traffic in each direction are flowing between Holden Place and Howard Place.

Channel improvements by the City and County of Denver's subcontractor are now visible east of Federal through to Decatur. Later this year, the Denver Maintenance facility will be demolished to redirect the channel north of its current location. West Corridor crews have begun the demolition of the bridge over the gulch at Decatur Street to allow Denver crews to access the waterway below.

The light rail bridge over the South Platte River is moving skyward piece by piece. The assembly of the steel truss will continue through the middle of October. Girder sets on the bridge over the Consolidated Mainline freight railroad tracks continue, with an expected completion later this month. Within the same area, drainage improvements continue along Shoshone Street.

Upcoming Activities

Rail placement could begin in the next few weeks between Sheridan and Perry. Burlington Northern Railroad will complete their track switch near Siegel Oil to accommodate the light rail by mid-October. Construction of the Perry Station is scheduled to

begin later this year.

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. As full construction continues for the next two and a half years, it is the best way to stay informed of 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 changes, please notify us.

Don't forget to visit our [website](#), where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor.

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