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RTD FasTracks West Rail Team to close Sheridan Boulevard

WEEKEND FULL CLOSURE WILL ENABLE FULL OPENING OF SHERIDAN BOULEVARD

Lakewood, May 31, 2011 – All lanes of traffic on Sheridan Boulevard between 10th Avenue and 14th Avenue will close at 9 p.m. on Friday, June 3 to allow crews to place final asphalt across the new bridge spanning the light rail tracks and remove traffic control devices. This closure will be in place throughout the entire weekend. Alternate routes around the closure include Federal Boulevard and Wadsworth Boulevard.

At approximately 5:30 a.m. on Monday, June 6, Sheridan Boulevard will open to through traffic in its final configuration, with two lanes in each direction, accompanied by 10-foot sidewalks on either side. This opening marks the end of 15 months of construction on the bridge –several months ahead of the original schedule.

In honor of this milestone, RTD will hold a press conference on Monday, June 6 at 9 a.m. The conference will be held at 1000 Sheridan Blvd., and representatives from the Regional Transportation District (RTD), Denver Transit Construction Group, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Denver Fire Department will speak. Interviews will be available after the official opening remarks.

The 12.1-mile West Rail Line was the first rail line of RTD's FasTracks program to start construction. The West Rail Line will operate between Denver Union Station in downtown Denver and the Jefferson County Government Center in Golden; serving Denver, Lakewood, the Denver Federal Center, Golden and Jefferson County. The corridor is scheduled to open to the public in 2013.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create more than 10,000 jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy.

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