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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.

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**WELCOME**

With the weather cooperating, West Corridor construction is moving forward rapidly. Bridge construction is on track and crews are in the first stages of welding rail for trackway. As always, we encourage you to stay informed by becoming a subscriber to our e-newsletter, visiting the West Corridor Web site often and utilizing the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts. To get the latest information on construction and road closures, please click [here](#) to connect to the West Corridor Web site.

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**ARE YOU ASKING FOR TROUBLE?**

This article was passed on to us by John Weiland of the Two Creeks Neighborhood and it contains some good tips from some convicted burglars!



1. Of course they look familiar. They perform services such as cleaning your carpets, mowing your lawn, or delivering appliances.
2. They ask to use the bathroom when working. Conveniently, during this time they may unlatch a back window or door to make their entry easier.
3. Untracked snow in the driveway or walkway, piled up newspapers, and flyers on doors and mailboxes are indications of an empty house if they're not attended to.
4. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where it's easily seen from

the outside. This will allow anyone to see the current setting of the system.

5. Be cautious when answering your door to anyone unfamiliar.

6. Burglars always check obvious hiding places such as dresser drawers, bedside tables, and the medicine cabinet. If available, keep valuables in a fire-proof safe that is bolted down, otherwise the safe can be stolen as well.

7. Kid's rooms are almost always overlooked, hiding valuables or safes here are a better bet.

8. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you are reluctant to leave a TV or radio on, the two most suggested elements to deter a burglar are loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

9. If a loud sound is heard, don't wait to hear a repetitive noise, check on it the first time, and trust your instincts. Burglars are often aware that it is human nature to resist jumping to conclusions after one disturbance.

10. Always set your alarm system when you leave the house, even if it's for a quick trip. Always close open doors or blinds at night; this may be easy access for a burglar targeting certain items.

11. Avoid announcing your vacation on any social media outlets or displaying obvious visible signs that you will be away from your home for a long period of time.

12. Keep garage doors closed during the summer months when unattended; burglars will find this as an open invitation, even if you're home.

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## WEST CORRIDOR TOURS

We are now offering the ability to sign up for tours of West Corridor construction on the web site. Tours will be first-come, first-served and will be limited to the first 30 people signed up for each tour. The dates are identified on the pull down menu on the sign-up sheet and the times are from 9-11 am. To sign up for a tour click [here](#).



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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Even though construction along the West Corridor affects more residents than businesses, there are still many businesses feeling the direct impacts of construction. RTD and the entire West Corridor team would like to



thank all of the business along the West Corridor for their outstanding cooperation and support during difficult construction times. To show our appreciation, the West Corridor will be highlighting a different business in our monthly newsletter in the "Business Spotlight" section. If your businesses is directly affected by construction, and you would like to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter please contact Jena Cafiero at 303-626-6772 or [JCafiero@dtcgjv.com](mailto:JCafiero@dtcgjv.com).

February's business of the month is Flame Works Auto Body. With over 30 years of experience in auto body repair and paint, Flame Works provides professional auto body repair services at reasonable prices. The owner, Steve Rivera, is extremely well known throughout the hot rod community, due to his extensive experience in building and repairing hot rods. Additional services include: collision repair, complete paint, hot rod customs, air brushing, detailing, and pin striping.

Stop by Flame Works Auto Body at 1240 Harlan St. Lakewood, CO 80214 to receive \$500 off your deductible for any insurance claim. Flame Works gladly works with all Insurance companies, or on individual terms. Visit their Web Site at [Flameworksautobody.com](http://Flameworksautobody.com) or call 720-312-3909 or 303-916-8963 for more information.

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

### Current and Ongoing Activities

Construction in Area 1 is maintaining a steady pace. The drainage culvert at Ulysses will be completed this month and crews are hoping to move right into street and wall construction. Construction of retaining walls along 6th Avenue, west of Union continues, as some are nearing completion and others are just getting started. Deck work on the Colfax Bridge is ongoing requiring intermittent lane closures on Colfax. Crews will be moving back onto I-70 this week to remove the traffic control devices and replace them with guardrail. Crews will also be restoring the area to its prior condition. Work on the northwest side of the Indiana Bridge will pause for awhile and crews will be moving to the southeast side to continue construction. A new traffic signal is in place at the intersection of Arbutus and the 6th Avenue Frontage Road, near Red Rocks Community College. While not visible to the public, work on the foundations for the



Overhead Catenary System (the poles that will hold the wires to power the light rail) have begun in Area 1.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

In early March, West Corridor crews hope to begin work on the tunnel under Union. This work will be done during nighttime hours to minimize traffic impacts. Crews also expect to begin relocation of the CDOT sign over eastbound 6th Avenue in March. This activity will close the left hand lanes of 6th Avenue in both directions. Work on the retaining walls at the Jefferson County Government Center could begin in earnest in March. The existing bike path, south of the Government Center, will close for this activity and pedestrians and bikers will be redirected down Johnson Road to Fossil Trace Golf Course.

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

#### **Current and Ongoing Activities**

Construction in Area 2 has taken off as crews work on drainage improvements, bridge and wall construction and tree removal. Progress on the 6th Avenue Bridge is evident as we move closer to the launch of the arch assembly, scheduled for April.



Construction on drainage culverts and storm sewers is taking place at North Avenue (at the Federal Center), Collins Avenue, the Rocky Mountain Ditch between Cody and Carr south of 13th Avenue, the Wight Lateral Ditch north of 13th Avenue between Quail and Kipling, the Richey Park area on 13th Avenue from Carr to Wadsworth and on Harlan Street between 10th and 14th Avenues. Traffic control is evident in all of these areas and Harlan Street is closed to through traffic until crews complete the construction in the street.

Wall construction along the guideway from Collins to Quail began this month and will continue for several weeks. This activity will be confined to the RTD right-of-way and should not impact motorists. Work on wall finishes at the Kipling Bridge will continue through March and construction of the Wadsworth Bridge is ongoing. Scheduling currently indicates that the girders on the Wadsworth Bridge will be set during the nights of February 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Wadsworth will close between 10th and 14th for this activity. Advance message boards will be placed to inform the traveling public of the closures and the West Corridor Public Information team will provide personal notification to residents and businesses in and around the area.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

In March, crews will begin construction of sound walls. Work on the guideway between Kipling and Independence may begin in March.

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

#### **Current and Ongoing Activities**

Sheridan Boulevard remains a two-lane road as work continues. Demolition of the apartment buildings on the northwest corner of 10th and Sheridan began earlier this month and will continue for a few more weeks. Construction of



the Sheridan Bridge is progressing on schedule. Excavation and wall construction are apparent in the gulch between Sheridan and Knox and work on the pedestrian bridges at Tennyson and Hazel Court is nearing completion. These two pedestrian bridges will soon be open for pedestrians to cross safely over the gulch during the remainder of construction and beyond.

Wall construction at Knox Court is nearing completion and Knox Court should reopen by mid-March. When Knox Court opens, crews may mobilize to Perry Street to begin drainage improvements. Perry will close between 12th and 14th Avenues for this work and advance notice of this closure will be provided once a date is firmed up.

Tree removal near the future site of the Federal/Decatur station has reached significant completion, however construction will continue in the areas as crews work on sewer, water and drainage improvements. Work on the Federal Bridge continues with limited utility relocations taking place. Construction work on the Lakewood Gulch light rail bridge (just east of Howard and Decatur) has reached 97% completion.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

Current scheduling indicates work on replacing the water line on the Federal Bridge could begin in early March. This activity will require an overnight closure of Federal between 10th Avenue and Colfax Avenue to set traffic control devices and restripe the roadway. Once traffic control is in place, traffic on Federal will shift to the east, allowing crews access to the furthest west side of the bridge. Northbound traffic will maintain two way traffic and southbound will be dropped from three lanes to two lanes. The center left-hand turn lane will be removed during construction. Crews also expect to begin bridge construction over the South Platte River in March. To keep the public safe and away from the construction zone, the bike path near the Platte River will be detoured. Once the configuration of the detour route is finalized, we will add it to the West Corridor Web site.

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### **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.

#### **Where Can I Get More Information?**

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

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