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### **WESTBOUND I-70 RE-OPENED AT NOON**

**Lakewood, November 15, 2009** – Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG), the West Corridor Light Rail construction contractor, completed work on westbound I-70 and reopened all lanes of traffic by 12:00 noon today. In an operation that required intense coordination with CDOT's maintenance crews, Lawrence Construction, DTCG's bridge subcontractor, was able to complete the girder set, backfill, pave and re-stripe the highway during the heavy snowstorm that hammered the area this weekend.

DTCG is building a light rail tunnel under I-70. All lanes of westbound Interstate 70 between the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Colfax Avenue exits closed at 8:00 p.m. Friday night, November 13. The weekend closure allowed crews to shore up the support system under I-70 so they could come back later and dig out the tunnel. By implementing two directional full closures, construction activities that could have continued for several months were significantly reduced. The full closure of eastbound lanes was completed the weekend of October 23 through October 25. Crews will now move off of the highway to continue construction of the tunnel.

The 12.1-mile West Corridor light rail project is the first of the FasTracks corridors to start construction. The West Corridor 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.

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