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August 22 & 23 Public Scoping Meetings Kick-Off Gold Line EIS

DENVER, Colo., (July 17, 2006) – On August 22 and 23, the Gold Line Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project team will host two public scoping meetings to kick off a two-and-a-half year FasTracks project, which will determine the future of the rapid-transit corridor between downtown Denver and the vicinity of Ward Road, serving northwest Denver, unincorporated Adams County, Arvada and Wheat Ridge.

The community meetings are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, Aug. 22** – Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 23** – Highlands Masonic Center, 3550 Federal Blvd., Denver

The community meetings will include an approximate 30-minute presentation by the project team, will feature displays explaining the Gold Line EIS process and will provide ample opportunity for the public to comment on the specific issues and alternatives the EIS should address.

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The following communication assistance is available for all Regional Transportation Public Meetings:

- Language interpreters
- Sign-language interpreters
- Assisted listening devices
- Alternative formats, such as large print or
- Reasonable accommodation for special needs

Contact Andy Mountain, 303-825-6100, 72 hours prior to the meeting to discuss your special needs and request for accommodation.

About Gold Line Corridor EIS

The Gold Line is an 11.2-mile rapid transit corridor extending from Denver Union Station in downtown Denver to the vicinity of Ward Road in Wheat Ridge. In the 2004 FasTracks election, voters approved a budget of \$462 million for the Gold Line, serving Denver, Arvada, Wheat Ridge and unincorporated Adams County. The two-and-a-half year Environmental Impact Statement will analyze transit alternatives in this corridor and will include extensive public involvement.

About FasTracks

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved \$4.7 billion, 12-year program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. Scheduled for completion in 2017, FasTracks will create six new commuter rail and light rail corridors, extend three existing corridors, add 21,000 new parking spaces, and expand bus service across the entire District.