Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Construction Update
Elected Officials Briefing
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FasTracks & Project Update

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I-225 Rail Line Public Information
The RTD FasTracks Plan

- 122 miles of new light rail and commuter rail
- 18 miles of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service
- 31 new Park-n-Rides; more than 21,000 new parking spaces
- Enhanced Bus Network & Transit Hubs (FastConnects)
- Redevelopment of Denver Union Station
- 57 new rail and/or BRT stations
- Opportunities for Transit Oriented Communities
Light Rail vs. Commuter Rail

- **Light rail**
  - Lighter in weight, smaller, designed to make more stops, better turning radius and city street operation
  - Maximum speed: 55 mph

- **Commuter rail**
  - Heavier, larger, faster, carries more people, fewer stops, compliant for railroad corridors
  - Trains arrived in Denver Nov. 20; Public viewing Dec. 3-6
  - Level boarding
  - Top speed: 79 mph
Light Rail vs. Commuter Rail (con’t)

- **Light rail**
  - Capacity: 64 seats, 80 standing

- **Commuter rail**
  - Capacity: 90 seats, 140 standing
FasTracks Turned 10!

Yes on Rapid Transit
Public Information & Outreach

• Fourth Quarter
  o Weekly construction update email sent to more than 3,000 people
  o Various traffic alerts sent to stakeholders prior to major closures
  o Area B Business Meeting; 25 managers/employees attended
  o Six community presentations; nearly 200 people reached
  o 16 I-225-related news stories in October and November
  o Nearly 20,000 page views to I-225 webpages in October and November
Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Economic Impact

- $350 million contract with Kiewit
- Eight stations for Transit Oriented Development
- More than 200 RTD and Kiewit Infrastructure Company staff and craft workers
- Depending on the day, another 200-300 subcontract workers are helping build the light rail line
- $85 million in SBE commitments
- In addition, Kiewit is employing 65 workers from the nationally recognized Workforce Initiative Now (WIN) program
Aurora Channel 8 Video: Safety
North of Iliff Along Abilene
Exposition Avenue Looking West
13th Avenue Station Looking South
North Toll Gate Creek Girder Set
Fitzsimons/Peoria Intersection
Questions?