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FASTRACKS PROJECT IN AURORA IS MOVING FORWARD

I-225 Corridor Team will be hosting its second public meeting

AURORA, CO – The Regional Transportation District’s (RTD) I-225 Light Rail Corridor Project team will be presenting information on the preliminary alternatives, station locations and screening criteria at a public meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. The meeting will take place at the Summit Conference Event Center located at 411 Sable Blvd. in Aurora Colorado. There are two sessions scheduled, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both sessions will present the same information and representatives of the project team will be available all evening to answer questions and take comments.

The RTD’s FasTracks I-225 Corridor environmental evaluation and preliminary engineering is under way. Since the first public meeting in November of 2007, the team has finalized the project Purpose and Need statement and has developed alignment alternatives. The alternatives and screening criteria will be available for public review and comment during the meeting. The public’s participation is one element of the decision-making process along with technical, environmental and schedule feasibility and cost. We encourage the public to participate in the meeting and provide input.

The FasTracks I-225 Corridor is part of the overall RTD FasTracks program to build 122 miles of new rail transit throughout the Denver Metro region. “The goals for this year include identifying the recommended alignment of the 10.5 mile light rail corridor that will link the existing Southeast Line, from I-225 and Parker Road to a future station near Peoria Street and Smith Road,” said RTD General Manager Clarence Marsella.

During this process, the I-225 Project Team will determine specific locations for seven stations along the line, identify any potential environmental and cultural impacts and develop a preferred



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alternative for the construction of light rail.

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