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## **RTD's McCaslin pedestrian bridge project gains industry recognition**

### **PROJECT TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AT MARCH 20 CONFERENCE**

**Denver, March 10, 2008** – The Regional Transportation District's McCaslin Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge has earned recognition from top transportation organizations for its use of accelerated construction techniques and the seamless process of the project.

The project has gained industry recognition for its streamlined construction efforts, allowing the project to be completed safely and quickly, and minimizing inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians. Members of the project team will present an abstract summarizing the project, its methods and overall success at the Federal Highway Administration's 2008 "Accelerated Bridge Construction: Highway for Life" Conference in Baltimore, Md. on March 20-21, 2008.

The abstract was chosen for its depiction of the accelerated construction techniques used on the McCaslin Pedestrian Bridge, which opened in June 2006. The abstract was also presented at the World Steel Bridge Symposium in New Orleans on Dec. 4, 2007.

The abstract highlights the on-site fabrication of the single-span 234-foot pedestrian bridge, its method of erection and a well-thought out implementation that benefited the construction process and RTD patrons, by providing a safer and more convenient interchange.

The McCaslin Bridge is part of RTD's FasTracks program, a voter-approved, 12-year program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. Scheduled for completion in 2017, FasTracks will create six new rail corridors, extend three existing corridors, build 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and expand bus service across the eight-county District.

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