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**FasTracks completes planning process for commuter rail corridor,
Northwest Rail, from Denver Union Station up to Longmont**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION RELEASED TO PUBLIC

Denver, June 17, 2010– The Regional Transportation District (RTD), along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has released the Final Environmental Evaluation (EE) for the Northwest Rail project, following the adoption on May 18 from the RTD Board of Directors. The release of the document concludes the environmental study and planning phase for this project. This action allows the project to move towards final design, construction, and operation as funding becomes available for the FasTracks Program.

Since 2007, the RTD has been studying the impacts of providing rail service from Denver Union Station to Longmont in the Northwest Rail EE as part of the voter-approved RTD FasTracks Program. The Northwest Rail (NWR) Corridor is a 41-mile commuter rail corridor passing through North Denver, Adams County, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville and Boulder.

In February 2010, RTD released the NWR Draft EE for public review. The release of the document was followed by a 30-day comment period. Three corridor-wide public meetings took place in March 2010 to present the NWR Draft EE to the public and to solicit comments, feedback and input. More than 200 individuals attended the meetings with nearly 80 comments received during the comment period. All comments received during the formal comment period are included in their entirety in the Final EE along with responses.

As the project advances, RTD will continue to work with local, state and federal agencies, local jurisdictions, stakeholder groups and members of the general public throughout the Northwest Rail corridor to address issues or concerns relating to this project. Updated NWR Corridor project information will continue to be available on the project website at www.RTD-FasTracks.com; click on “Northwest Rail Corridor.”

Where to review the Final EE

The Final EE is available electronically on www.RTD-FasTracks.com, click on “Northwest Rail Corridor,” and hard copies are available for review at the following locations:

Denver Public Library

10 West Fourteenth Avenue Pkwy.
Denver, CO 80204

RTD FasTracks

1560 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

Adams County Planning & Development

12200 N. Pecos St.
Westminster, CO 80234

College Hill Public Library

3705 W. 112th Ave.
Westminster, CO 80031

**City & County of Broomfield Community
Development**

One DesCombes Dr.
Broomfield, CO 80021

36 Commuting Solutions

287 Century Circle, Ste 103
Louisville, CO 80027

Louisville Public Library

951 Spruce St.
Louisville, CO 80027

City of Boulder Transportation & Planning

1739 Broadway Blvd., 2nd Floor
Boulder, CO 80306

Boulder County Transportation Department

2525 13th St.
Boulder, CO 80304

Longmont Public Library

409 4th Ave.
Longmont, CO 80501

About the Project

The Northwest Rail project is a proposed 41-mile high-capacity, fixed-guideway transit corridor from Denver Union Station to Longmont, passing through North Denver, Adams County, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville and Boulder. For more information on the project visit the FasTracks website at www.RTD-FasTracks.com.

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