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Poll shows 83 percent of metro-area residents believe FasTracks a “good decision;” up seven percent from 2007 survey

MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS WANT ENTIRE FASTTRACKS PROGRAM COMPLETED BY 2017, EVEN IF IT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TAX

Denver, Jan. 26, 2009 – Four years into the Regional Transportation District’s (RTD) 12-year FasTracks transit expansion program, 83 percent of metro-area residents say that approving FasTracks funding in 2004 was a good decision. The majority of respondents expressed a clear desire for FasTracks to be built within the original time frame, with 63 percent indicating that they would support a tax increase if necessary, to get it done by 2017. The findings come from the annual FasTracks public opinion poll, conducted in early January.

Public transportation ranked as the third most important issue facing the Denver-metro area, behind the economy and employment/jobs. Overall, the results of the survey showed high levels of support and interest in the ongoing progress of FasTracks.

Following is a summary of other key survey findings:

- 69 percent of metro residents have a favorable impression of RTD in general
- 77 percent of metro residents have a favorable impression of FasTracks, up 9 percent from 2007
- Familiarity with FasTracks has grown 11 percent, with 64 percent of residents classifying themselves as “very” or “somewhat” familiar with the program
- 72 percent of residents indicate that RTD provides “excellent” or “good” services

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The phone survey, conducted by The Kenney Group from a random sampling of residents across the eight-county Regional Transportation District, has 95 percent statistical validity, with a 3.53 percent margin of error. For a complete summary of the 2009 FasTracks survey, visit www.RTD-FasTracks.com.

FasTracks is RTD's 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 commuter rail and light 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 redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District.

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