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## **RTD FasTracks “Top 10 List” for 2010**

**Denver, Dec. 29, 2010** – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) FasTracks program celebrated numerous milestones throughout the course of this past year. Below are the top 10 milestones for FasTracks in 2010.

1. RTD completed the procurement for the Eagle P3 project, selecting Denver Transit Partners (DTP) as the concessionaire team and issued the initial Notice to Proceed to DTP.
2. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced \$120 million recommended in the president’s 2011 budget for the FasTracks program.
3. The FTA announced approval of \$304 million in Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (RRIF) federal loans for Denver Union Station (DUS).
4. RTD signed agreements with the BNSF Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad for railroad property acquisition, relocation, construction and joint corridor operations needed for the FasTracks build-out.
5. The East Corridor project broke ground, the West Corridor project celebrated 50 percent construction completion, and DUS celebrated construction progress.
6. RTD completed the U.S. 36 Phase One Transit Improvements, the first FasTracks project to be completed.
7. The RTD Board approved the Environmental Evaluation reports on the Southeast, Southwest and Central Corridor Extensions.
8. Staff made substantial progress toward securing the \$1.03 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the FTA for the Eagle P3 Project.

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9. The Board adopted a new Strategic Plan for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) reflecting emphasis on Transit Oriented Communities and development of a new TOD Pilot Program.
10. The RTD FasTracks team developed a construction ready/finance ready plan and implemented the stakeholder input process to gather regional feedback on the short-term and long-term options for completing the FasTracks vision.

This is just a partial listing of the many accomplishments and milestones the agency achieved, and RTD anticipates a number of major accomplishments for 2011, including construction kick-off of both the Gold Line and Northwest Rail projects, major construction progress and the introduction of four-car trains to the current system.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 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. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create more than 10,000 construction-related jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy.

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