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## **Unsolicited Proposal for I-225 Rail Project has Merit**

### **RTD TO PURSUE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR 225 RAIL LINE**

*DENVER*, April 18, 2012 – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) will be advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP), after determining that an unsolicited proposal for the I-225 Light Rail Project has merit.

RTD staff has evaluated the unsolicited proposal submitted by Kiewit Infrastructure Company on March 8 consistent with the agency's Unsolicited Proposals Policy and has found it worthy of moving forward to a competitive procurement process. RTD will prepare an RFP and distribute it in spring 2012. Kiewit and any other interested firms would then have the opportunity to submit a detailed proposal.

Kiewit led the design-build construction team on the Transportation Expansion (T-REX) project – a joint highway/light rail project of RTD and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Kiewit is also currently constructing the transit improvements at Denver Union Station, which are more than 50 percent complete.

"We are happy to see that the concept central to the proposal has merit," said RTD Board Chair Lee Kemp. "It demonstrates that industry partners have solid, feasible ideas on how to complete FasTracks projects sooner rather than later."

Over the past year, RTD has publicized the agency's desire to seek out innovations to complete the FasTracks program as soon as possible, enhance the RTD customer experience and reduce the cost of RTD operations. This was the premise behind RTD's first industry forum called, *Transformation Through Transportation*, which was held Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011.

Initial construction work for the first segment of the I-225 line from Parker Road to Iliff will begin soon under contract through a partnership with CDOT as the agency constructs highway improvements in that area.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit expansion program to 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.

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