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## **Northwest Rail Public Meetings scheduled for March 11, 17 and 18**

### ***DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT***

**Denver, February 26, 2010**– The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency for the Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation (EE), has granted the Regional Transportation District (RTD) approval to release the Draft EE to the public. Since 2007, RTD has been studying the impacts of providing rail service from Denver Union Station to Longmont as part of the RTD FasTracks program. Beginning March 11, a series of three meetings will be held to report to the public and collect input.

#### **March 2010 meeting schedule and times:**

Thursday, March 11	City of Longmont Civic Center 350 Kimbark St. Longmont, CO 80501
Wednesday, March 17	Louisville Middle School 1341 Main St. Louisville, CO 80027
Thursday, March 18	Hodgkins Elementary School 3475 West 67 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Denver, CO 80221

All three meetings will follow the same format with an open house from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and formal presentations starting at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to provide formal comment at any of the meetings, or through the project Web site, within the 30-day comment period. The formal comment period began Friday, Feb. 26 and will end Monday, March 29, 2010. All comments will be addressed in the final EE, which will be released this spring.

#### **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 Web site at [www.RTD-FasTracks.com](http://www.RTD-FasTracks.com).

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