



Community

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The \$ 635 -million FasTracks West Corridor project consists of constructing a new 12.1-mile, double-track light rail line, extending west from the existing light rail line at Auraria West Station in downtown Denver, through Lakewood along 13th Avenue, continuing along 6th Avenue (U.S. 6) and ending at the Jefferson County Government Center.

E - NEWS



WELCOME!

Spring is upon us, and spring means construction activity on the West Corridor! Construction of the Kipling Street Bridge is now in progress along the West Corridor right-of-way on both sides of Kipling Street. The process of setting signs and temporary fencing is in full swing as crews prepare for the bridge subcontractor, Edward Kraemer and Sons, to construct the bridge. Equipment will be in place soon and heavy construction will begin. As construction gets underway, we encourage you to stay informed with up-to-date information through our e-newsletter and on the West Corridor Web site at www.RTD-FasTracks.com

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Lots of activity around Kipling Street should be apparent as construction is underway on the first major structure of the West Corridor light rail project. Construction crews are preparing the area and in the next couple of weeks, temporary fencing and signs will be placed. As the month progresses, you can expect increased activity along the RTD right-of-way. It is estimated that the bridge itself will take six months to build, but the overall impact to neighborhoods and traffic should be minimal. Future activities may warrant temporary lane closures or detours in the area and residents in close proximity will be notified by e-mail or door hangers with specific dates and times for construction work. Variable message signs will also be placed on Kipling Street, giving advance notice of traffic disruptions or detours. Alternate routes may be suggested as well.

Construction of the Kipling Street Bridge should be an exciting activity for local residents, but please be aware of the evident dangers in construction work areas. Pedestrians will need to be extra cautious when

walking near construction zones and around equipment. While crews are in the area, they will adhere to strict safety procedures to ensure not only their well being, but yours as well.

With this construction activity, the bike path detour is now in place. The detour is clearly marked indicating the new path for pedestrians and bikers and will be in effect until corridor construction is completed in and around the area.

UTILITY RELOCATION UPDATE

With more than 400 utility relocations required to make way for the construction of the West Corridor light rail, an abundance of activity will continue for the next few years. Xcel Energy, Qwest and Comcast have been rapidly progressing through the corridor and although their efforts may not be visible, this is an extremely important step toward the completion of this line.

Qwest is currently wrapping up their relocations at Nelson Street and will be moving to the east side of Kipling Street during May. Xcel Energy has crews working between Holland Street and Estes Street relocating gas lines and electrical relocations are continuing from Garrison Street to Upham Street. Comcast has just completed their relocation from Pikeview to Independence Street and will continue their path east through the corridor. The sanitary sewer relocations for the City of Lakewood have not begun yet; this activity is scheduled to begin in early May and you will be able to see major impacts when these very large lines are moved.

STREET MARKERS

As progress continues on the West Corridor, residents may notice wooden stakes and markings on pavement in several areas. While to a layman, these colors mean nothing, construction crews rely heavily on these to establish boundaries, underground utilities, etc. See the table below to match each color with its meaning. This is just a guide and the markings are always verified before any construction activities.

Color	Meaning
White	Anticipated Area for Construction
Yellow	Gas Line
Green	Sewer Line
Blue	Water Line
Orange	Cable/Phone Line

PROPERTY ACQUISITION STATUS

The design team continues to fine tune the design to determine specific property acquisition impacts and minimize them to the greatest extent possible. Once specific property impacts are confirmed, the individual property owners will be notified by the RTD Real Property Division. RTD only acquires property that is absolutely necessary in order to build the transit project and follows a federally mandated process that was put in place to protect property owners. If you have additional questions regarding right-of-way acquisition see the *Property Acquisition Fact Sheet* or request an acquisition or relocation booklet by calling 303-299-2401.

DESIGN STATUS

The 90% design that was submitted in February continues to be reviewed and cost estimates finalized. Cost reconciliation is an on-going process. The Intergovernmental Agreements

with Lakewood and Jeffco are executed and the IGA's with Golden and Denver are approved by the RTD Board and have been forwarded for signature to these jurisdictions, who are taking them through their approval process.

Discussions continue with the Federal Transit Administration regarding the schedule and required documents for the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA).

CONSTRUCTION VIDEO

The FasTracks Public Information Team has produced a video to educate the public about the construction process and what you can expect. This video gives a general overview of the impacts you might expect to see, hear and experience as construction gets underway. To view this video [*click here*](#).

To bring the specific components of the construction video into perspective for the West Corridor, a companion presentation has been created highlighting detailed construction information specific to the West Corridor. If you are interested in having this presentation for your community group, call 303-299-2175. To view the West Corridor presentation [*click here*](#).

SUBCONTRACTOR CORNER

Welcome to the newest section of the West Corridor newsletter. As we enter the construction phase, it's important that you have confidence in the team that RTD has selected to build the project. Each month we will highlight a major contractor on the construction team to help you become acquainted with their qualifications and the activities they will be performing during construction.

This month we meet the bridge contractor as they begin their first project, the Kipling Street Bridge. Edward Kraemer and Sons is headquartered in Plain, Wisconsin with regional offices in Minnesota and Colorado. Their extensive experience includes the development, construction, repair and design-build of heavy civil structures including: highway and pedestrian bridges, railroad bridges, dams and flood control structures, and industrial projects. Kraemer most recently completed the Woodrow Wilson Bridge replacement encompassing two six-lane highway bridges across the Potomac River. The bridge is the connecting highway between Virginia and Maryland with a bascule for passage of ships and barges.

Edward Kraemer and Sons' high quality work earned them the prestigious "Best of Bridge 2007" award for their work on the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Bridge in Rochester, New York. A 433-foot bridge with arches rising 70-feet above ground, this unique bridge is the widest three-section arch bridge in the country and replaces a 50-year-old structure.

Workplace safety is a high priority for Edward Kraemer & Sons. They are committed, not only to reducing the frequency, severity, and cost of workplace incidents and injuries, but also to creating an environment where they do not occur. To meet this commitment, they promote and foster a culture of **Safe Production**. In this **Safe Production** culture, safety is never sacrificed for production or cost savings. Instead, safety and production are seen as one and the same, creating a safe and productive work environment.

RTD and Denver Transit Construction Group are very proud to have Edward Kraemer and Sons as part of the West Corridor construction team. Their expertise and strategic thinking will enhance the project and insure a quality installation.

How Can I Get (or Stay) Involved?

One of the best ways to get information that will help you stay involved in the West Corridor construction phase is to ensure we have your e-mail address. Our periodic e-mails will provide you with information essential to being an active participant. As the project evolves and develops, it will be important to keep all members of the community informed on construction activities. Tell your friends and neighbors to sign up on our e-mail list to receive up-to-date information, and if your e-mail address changes, please notify us.

Don't forget to visit our Web site, where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor.

Where can I get more information?

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Communication Assistance Available

The following communication assistance is available for all Regional Transportation District public meetings: language interpreters, sign-language interpreters, assisted listening devices, alternative formats such as large print, or reasonable accommodations for special needs.

Contact RTD at 303-299-2401 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to discuss your special needs and request for accommodation.