



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Kathy Berumen
Denver Transit Construction Group
303-626-6762 (office)
720-989-8099 (cell)

WEST RAIL LINE CONTRACTOR RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION

Denver Transit Construction Group wins the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Innovation Award

LAKESWOOD, August 17, 2011 Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG), the Construction Manager/General Contractor on the Regional Transportation District's West Rail Line was honored with COMTO's "Industry Innovation Award" at the 2011 National Meeting and Training Conference held in Philadelphia, PA, on July 16 – 19, 2011.

The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, founded in 1971, is the nation's only multi-modal advocacy organization for minority professionals and businesses in the transportation industry. Boasting thirty-nine chapters across the country, COMTO members represent individuals, organizations, transportation agencies, non-profits and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in every sector of the transportation industry.

DTCG's award was based on their innovative approach to planning and constructing a light rail bridge over 6th Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado. DTCG and their subcontractor, Edward Kramer and Sons, were able to develop and implement a construction methodology which allowed for the complete assembly of the bridge adjacent to its final location without any impact to the commuting public until the final installation of the bridge in a single weekend. Studies have shown construction operations over live traffic interfere with the free flow of traffic and increase the number of accidents. Through this inventive approach, West Rail crews not only accommodated the free flow of traffic along 6th Avenue while the bridge was being assembled, they minimized the risk to the Owner, their construction workforce and traveling motorists.

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 jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy.