

FasTracks West Rail Line

Community Tour of West Corridor

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Tell us something you liked about your tour experience:

- It was all FREE!
- I have a better picture of the whole (west) system.
- Brenda is terrific and answered ALL questions.
- Very informative, questions answered, great info!
- Getting to see progress without driving. Also, seeing portions of the new bike route and what happened to the old 13th bike route I used.
- Good info about great project.
- Getting an idea of the scope. I wasn't aware of how much had to be done.
- Our tour guide was great! I like knowing that by using the existing track route for the light rail cuts down the number of properties that are impacted for the new track.
- Learning about the complete corridor and all the stations. Excellent! Lots of information.
- Brenda did a good job. Learned a lot.
- To see the wide extent of construction.
- All of it! I took the tour last year- so exciting to see it developing! I live 3 blocks from it- I can't wait for the bike path, too. Thank you for all your communication (email newsletter) and the tours!
- Most of my questions were answered before I asked them. Those asked by participants were concisely answered by Brenda.
- Brenda and her excellent narrative. She is a great guide.
- Seeing the track and the West Corridor.
- The tour was very informative. Good knowledge of the subject.
- Knowledgeable guide.
- It was great to get to the "behind the scenes" areas I have not explored.
- Complete tour of the West Corridor.
- Good information on the stations and construction.
- It was a wonderful overview of the entire project. I appreciated the tactful and compassionate handling of the residential noise walls.
- Gave me a great sense of the plan. I'm impressed!
- The informative tour guide.

- Well organized, timely information in prep for the tour. Well informed tour guide and packet.
- Very knowledgeable tour guides.
- Great information throughout.
- Good overview.
- Fun and visually informative!
- Good opportunity to see the project.
- It was interesting to follow the side streets along the tracks.
- Great! Thanks for this insight and for the opportunity. Glad to know about the train.
- It was very good!
- Tour well organized- great driver- very skilled!
- Liked the quasi-engineering explanation of over/under bridges and right-of-way acquisition.

Is there anything we could've done differently?

- When we cross the tracks, go slower or stop.
- Maybe free milk and cookies.
- Hard to see from bus due to bus full.
- Visibility from the bus is limited. I thought there might be times to get off and look.
- More time and to get off the bus.
- Would be nice to stop and get out of the bus.
- A bus with the seats higher so we can see out the windows.
- Get out and walk around a station.
- Have different times to allow others to attend tours.
- We're getting closer to opening; more research by presenters on fees, zones, and parking rates would be appreciated.
- Maybe hold a brief Q&A outside of the bus as a group for easier hearing.
- A potty stop would have been nice.
- Perhaps establish ground rules and "run the tour."
- Not spend so much of my tax dollars building it. Looks like lots of "fluff" (art work-pedestrian bridges, etc.)
- It was difficult to see out of the bus.

Do you have any further questions we didn't answer on the tour?

- What are the fares and estimated duration of trips?
The full length of the trip from Jefferson County to Denver Union Station is 34 minutes. Fare rates are based on Zones and depend upon the distance traveled. Fare details can be found at http://www.rtd-denver.com/LightRail_Map.shtml.
- How is thermal expansion of the welded rails allowed for?
All rails are de-stressed. The rail needs to be a certain length and at a “stress-neutral” temperature (in Colorado this temperature is 90-100 degrees Fahrenheit). Once the final temperatures are confirmed, the rail no longer expands.
- What is the noise of the train (decibels)?
For information regarding noise and sound wall barriers, please visit http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_60.
- Why are light rail trains not going to Denver Union Station?
Actually, all West Rail Lines will be traveling to Denver Union Station for easy connection and access to downtown and additional transportation!
- How will the new route incorporate the old 13th avenue bike path? A bike tour perhaps?
The West Rail Line has incorporated many revised bike paths in and around the rail line. For maps and additional information, visit http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_59.
- Discuss train cars.
For more information, please visit check out our list of Fact Sheets: http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_18.