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The FasTracks West Corridor project consists of constructing a new 12.1 mile light rail line heading west from the existing Auraria West station in downtown Denver, through Lakewood along 13th Avenue to the Denver Federal Center and then west along 6th Avenue and Golden to the Jefferson County Government Center.

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WELCOME

As spring approaches, construction activities are surging on the West Corridor. It's anticipated that all areas of the corridor will have some type of construction activity by mid-April. Now more than ever, it's important for you to stay informed by becoming a subscriber to our e-newsletter, visiting the West Corridor Web site often and utilizing the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts. To get the latest information on construction and road closures, please click here to connect to the West Corridor [Web site](#).

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CDOT COMMUNICATION TOOLS

CDOT recently launched a new tool to ensure you get the most up-to-date information on road conditions, construction



information and news releases across the state. To sign up for these updates, visit the Colorado Department of Transportation's Web site at www.coloradodot.info and click on the icon in the upper-right corner entitled "Sign up for E-mail and Wireless Alerts." Once there you can create an account and select your subscription lists. Once you have subscribed, it's simple to unsubscribe at a later date.

6th AVENUE BRIDGE

For the past several months, we've been talking about the "roll-out" of the 6th Avenue light rail bridge across the freeway. This visually dramatic structure is being constructed on the south side of 6th Avenue on the Federal Center property and will



be “rolled-out” across 6th Avenue in late April. The structure will span across all of 6th Avenue as well as the on and off ramps, which allows for future highway widening.

The entire steel arch structure is fabricated from weathering steel and the arches incline inwards toward each other to form a “basket-handled tied arch” style of bridge. The tensioned cables are 2 3/8” inch diameter galvanized steel and are arranged in a crossed-cable pattern that provide an important piece of the structural integrity as well as being visually attractive. Once assembled, the structure will be transported across 6th Avenue from south to north, connecting to the structure already in place over the north frontage road. Crews will then begin working on the concrete deck.

The “rolling out” of this bridge marks the first time this type of installation on this type of structure has been done in the United States and saves months of lane closures on 6th Avenue. This structure will carry light rail between the Lakewood Industrial Park and the Federal Center Station and is a signature bridge for the West Corridor.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Even though construction along the West Corridor affects more residents than businesses, many businesses still feel the direct impacts of construction. RTD and the entire West Corridor team



would like to thank all of the business along the West Corridor for their outstanding cooperation and support during difficult construction times. To show our appreciation, the West Corridor will be highlighting a different business in our monthly newsletter in the “Business Spotlight” section. If your business is directly affected by construction, and you would like to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter please contact Jena Cafiero at 303-626-6772 or JCafiero@dtcgjv.com.

Our highlighted business for the month of March is Windish RV Center, located off the north 6th Avenue frontage road in Lakewood. In 2009, Windish was designated as the largest 5th Wheel, Travel Trailer and Toy Hauler location in the state of Colorado. Dale Windish, the founder of Windish, operated car dealerships in Galesburg, Illinois, until he decided to branch out into a new type of business, which he referred to as “condominiums on wheels.” In 1965, Dale moved his family and business to Colorado and opened Windish’s first RV location in Lakewood. Dale passed away in 1995 and his daughter, Carolyn, took over the business. She has maintained her father’s small town family values and in 2009 opened Windish’s second location in Longmont, CO.

Windish sells, services and repairs, finances, insures, and provides parts and accessories to pre-owned or new Recreation Vehicles (RV’s). To receive more information, please visit their website at www.WindishRV.com or call 303-274-9009; Windish RV Center is located at 11225 West 6th Avenue, Lakewood, 80215. For \$500 off Travel Trailers, Fifth Wheels, or Toy Haulers, click [here](#).

The West Corridor team thanks Carolyn and her staff for their cooperation during construction.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – AREA 1 (Jeffco Government Center to Federal Center)

Current and Ongoing Activities

Construction on walls, structures and utilities continues in Area 1. Crews have mobilized onto the Jefferson County Government Center campus to begin operations that will include excavation for retaining walls and the parking garage, underground utility relocations, station and parking structure construction and roadwork. During construction, the bike path just south of the complex will be closed. Pedestrians will be detoured north on Johnson Road to Jefferson County Parkway. Within the next few weeks, the outbound side of the roundabout on the east side of the courthouse will close to exiting motorists to provide access for construction vehicles. Vehicular traffic will also be re-routed out of the complex down the newly opened Jefferson County Parkway. This closure will be in place for approximately six weeks.



Construction of the drainage culvert at Ulysses is nearing completion and wall construction along the east and west sides of Ulysses should begin this spring. This work will require the continued closure of Ulysses just north of 6th Avenue. While working on the walls, crews will also raise Ulysses Street to create a level at-grade light rail crossing just north of 6th Avenue on Ulysses.

Construction activity on the Indiana light rail bridge has moved to the southeast side of 6th and Indiana. Crews have begun to set-up the wood forms needed to build the bridge components in that area – just as they did on the northwest side over the past couple of months. Later this spring, the girders will be set on this bridge, necessitating a full closure of 6th Avenue in this location. As the date gets closer, the West Corridor PI team will provide prior notification to traveling motorists, local residents and businesses.

Upcoming Activities

West Corridor crews hope to begin work on the light rail tunnel under Union Blvd, just south of 6th Avenue by April 1. This work will be done during nighttime hours to minimize traffic impacts; daytime traffic should not be affected. Crews also expect to begin relocation of the CDOT variable message sign over eastbound 6th Avenue sometime in April. To accommodate this activity, the left hand lanes of 6th Avenue in both directions will close.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AREA 2 (East of the Federal Center to Sheridan)

Current and Ongoing Activities

Construction activities in Area 2 have increased significantly. Travelers along 6th Avenue can see daily progress on the 6th Avenue light rail bridge just to the south of 6th Avenue. Work will continue as crews begin placing the cables that will assist in providing structural integrity to the bridge.



Construction on the drainage culverts at Collins Avenue – just east of Simms, the Wight Lateral ditch encasement between Quail and Kipling and on Harlan Street have reached significant completion. Crews will need to return to these areas for final detail work at a later date. Construction of the drainage culvert on 13th Avenue between Carr and Zephyr (west of Wadsworth) is on-going. Due to unforeseen complications, work on this culvert will continue through spring. Crews are currently at Allison Street moving west block-by-block.

East of Wadsworth, the approach walls are progressing and construction will be on-going for a few more months. Girders were set on the Wadsworth Bridge in February and work there will continue as scheduled through the summer.

Upcoming Activities

Work within the RTD right-of-way between Oak and Sheridan could begin in earnest in late March. Consolidated Mutual Water will lower some of their facilities in this area and then DTCG and their subcontractors will begin to clear out and grade the guideway. Once this area is graded, wall construction can begin.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AREA 3 (East of Sheridan to the Auraria Campus)

Current and Ongoing Activities

Girders were set on the west portion of the Sheridan Bridge last week and crews will begin working on the bridge deck by the end of March. Once this segment of the bridge is completed, traffic will be diverted to the new structure and construction on the east side of Sheridan will begin.



Traffic on Federal Boulevard between 10th Avenue and Howard Place has been shifted to the west. This configuration required the removal of the center left turn lane, but Federal remains two lanes in each direction. The traffic light at Holden Place has been removed and left turns from southbound Federal to eastbound Holden Place and from westbound Holden Place to southbound Federal are prohibited. Pedestrians are encouraged to cross Federal at 10th Avenue or Howard Place where traffic signals ensure their safety. The ramp from eastbound Colfax to southbound Federal is also closed for the duration of construction on Federal. Motorists on Colfax wishing to access Federal should use Avondale.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Knox Court should re-open by the end of March. Construction on Knox was an enormous task that included installing a new three-cell drainage culvert, relocating several underground utilities, widening the channel, constructing retaining walls, replacing curb and gutter and repaving the street. These activities have been very impactful for local residents and we sincerely appreciate the cooperation we received from the entire neighborhood.

Upcoming Activities

When Knox Court reopens, crews will mobilize to Perry Street to begin drainage improvements and wall construction. Perry will close between 12th and 14th Avenues for this activity. Construction of the light rail bridge over the South Platte River will begin in April and the bike path near the Platte River will be detoured. Once the configuration of the detour route is finalized, we will add it to the West Corridor Web site. Construction of the bridge over the Consolidated Mainline Railroad could also start as early as mid-April.

For more information on construction please visit the [Construction Information](#) page on the West Corridor Web site.

HOW CAN I GET (OR STAY) INVOLVED?

One of the best ways to get the latest information on the West Corridor 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 full construction continues for the next two and a half years, it is the best way to stay informed of 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 changes, please notify us.

Don't forget to visit our [Web site](#), where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor

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