WELCOME

May is upon us and West Corridor construction continues to move at a rapid pace. Every day brings new construction activities to your neighborhood. To stay up-to-date with the latest construction information, become a subscriber to our e-newsletter. You can sign up by visiting the West Corridor Web site, and while there, utilize the tools that have been established to keep you updated on progress and impacts.

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6th AVENUE BRIDGE ROLL-OUT OVERVIEW

After months of anticipation and amid thousands of onlookers, West Corridor crews moved the spectacular 6th Avenue light rail bridge across the highway on Saturday, May 1. Fourteen hours after the bridge started its slow crawl, the rust-colored, 286-foot long steel arch structure came to its final resting place spanning all lanes of traffic on 6th Avenue. The final flag raising ceremony culminated many months of planning, design, construction and coordination.

The entire region was able to stay abreast of the progress as media outlets spread the word throughout the weekend. Those who chose to come to the public viewing area weren’t disappointed, as over 2000 people came to support West Corridor...
crews in their most visual activity yet. The festive event included hot dogs, celebration and excitement. Our thanks go out to the many neighbors who worked with us including GSA, Lakewood Fordland Lincoln Mercury, 6th Avenue Commons and Elko Development. We also want to thank our West Corridor Partners, the Colorado Department of Transportation for allowing the complete closure of 6th Avenue and the City of Lakewood, who allowed early ramp closures. These concessions enabled the overall construction as well as the weekend closure to take place in record time, with minimal impact to the traveling public. Their support and yours affirm that community members are eager to see RTD FasTracks expand Denver’s transportation options. To see a timelapse of the bridge roll-out, click here.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Euro Tech Colorado

Euro Tech Colorado (ETC), located at 5555 W. 11th Avenue #E in Lakewood is the “West Corridor Business of the Month”. Owner, Donald Koziol, began working on European and luxury vehicles 40 years ago and started his own business, Donald J. Koziol Saab Repair, in 1991. The family-owned and operated business evolved into Euro Tech Colorado in 2008 and expanded their services to include Audi and Volkswagen.

Euro Tech Colorado tows, repairs and maintains luxury vehicles and provides the best service at the best prices for Saabs, Audis, and Volkswagens. Their business focus has always been integrity and customer service.

Euro Tech Colorado has been significantly impacted during construction of the Sheridan Bridge and the drainage improvements on Harlan Street. Their cooperative attitude has helped keep West Corridor construction moving forward. To obtain more information on ETC, please visit their website at www.eurotechcolorado.com, call 303-238-7222 or email tkoziol@eurotechcolorado.com. For a complimentary summer inspection, click here.

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 businesses 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 hear about business outreach opportunities, contact Jena Cafiero 303-626-6772 or Jcafierno@dtcgjv.com.

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

Current and Ongoing Activities
Construction continues on the Indiana light rail bridge. Crews set a section of girders on the bridge last week which required the closure of all west bound lanes of 6th Avenue between the westbound off ramp and on ramp at Indiana. Traveling motorists were detoured off of 6th Avenue at Indiana, but were able to cross Indiana and access 6th Avenue immediately via the westbound on-ramp at Indiana. The same scenario will be replayed for eastbound traffic the night of Tuesday, May 18. To complete the girder set there will be two overnight closures of all lanes of traffic on 6th Avenue and a full closure of Indiana at the 6th Avenue interchange. This activity is currently scheduled for the nights of June 5 and 6. As always, the West Corridor PI team will notify surrounding businesses and residents prior to this activity.

The landscape of the Jefferson County Government Center is changing dramatically as construction of a large retaining wall is well underway. Construction of this wall is unique; crews are digging down approximately five feet at a time, installing a wall panel, and then nailing that panel (with nails 20-30 feet long) to the soil before continuing down to repeat the process with the next panel. This type of ‘top-down’ construction is very efficient because it eliminates the need for excessive excavation. In mid to late July construction of the parking structure on the campus should begin.

Construction of the drainage culvert at Ulysses, just north of 6th Avenue, is now finished. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the wall and drainage construction along the east and west sides of Ulysses have been delayed. West Corridor crews will reopen Ulysses in approximately three weeks; however, it will require an additional closure at a later date.

The light rail bridge over Colfax north of 6th Avenue is significantly completed and crews will soon be removing the traffic control devices. Colfax Avenue is scheduled to be back to its final configuration by the end of May.

Construction of the support system for the tunnel under Union Blvd. south of 6th Avenue is near completion. This work is being
performed during night time hours and most daytime commuters are not even aware of the construction taking place on the roadway. During the weekend of May 21st through 23rd, West Corridor crews will close two southbound lanes of Union to finish the deck under the street, and then will patch and repave Union. This will complete current work at Union, as the tunnel will not be dug out until later this summer.

**Upcoming Activities**
West Corridor crews will begin work on the relocation of the off ramp from westbound 6th Avenue to eastbound Colfax this summer. The ramp will move to the west, under the light rail bridge over Colfax.

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

**Current and Ongoing Activities**
The name of the game in Area 2 is walls, walls, walls. Retaining, ballast and sound wall construction is apparent from Union to Sheridan. Sound wall posts are being placed between Oak and Kipling and the panels will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Retaining walls are being constructed in various locations from Quail to just east of Wadsworth and the ballast wall construction will begin any day. Retaining and ballast wall installation requires the use of a steel roller, which vibrates steel plates over the ground to stabilize and compact dirt. Compaction work will take place intermittently over the next few months. You could experience heavy vibrations during this activity.

The steel structures that supported the 6th Avenue Bridge on the south side of the highway are currently being removed. Crews are working on the north side curbs and plan to pour the concrete for the bridge deck in June.

Underground work on drainage improvements on 13th Avenue between Cody and Holland is progressing as scheduled. Crews are working in two block increments, east to west and are currently just west of Dudley. The drainage improvements along 13th Avenue between Zephyr and Carr are also in progress. Currently, crews are working between Balsam and Brentwood and will move west ending west of Carr Street. Current scheduling indicates Carr Street could be closed for this operation in early June. As always, variable message boards will be placed in advance of the closure and affected residents will receive personal notification via door hanger. Please visit the Road Closure page on the West Corridor Web site to keep informed of these closures.
Harlan Street remains closed between 10th and 14th Avenue as crews install a new drainage culvert under Harlan. The City of Lakewood took advantage of the closure on Harlan and mobilized their crews in to do some improvements as well. Harlan Street will remain closed for at least another month, but local access is allowed.

**Upcoming Activities**
The entire Lakewood area can expect on-going activities throughout the spring and summer months.

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

**Current and Ongoing Activities**

Construction of the light rail bridge over the South Platte River is underway. Crews have mobilized in and excavations began late last week. As construction progresses, crews will build up an area in the middle of the river to be used as a crane pad. A crane and support structure will be placed on the pad and the center portion of the bridge will be built via the crane.

West Corridor crews will begin working on the approach walls north and south of the Sheridan Bridge this month. They also anticipate pouring the concrete bridge deck by the end of May, which will require a complete closure of Sheridan. Prior notification will be given before this activity.

Work on the Federal Bridge is also moving forward. A portion of the southbound lanes of Federal were demolished so crews could expand their work area further east. This portion of the bridge will eventually be the detour route while crews work on the east side of the bridge and demolish the remainder of the old Federal bridge.

**Upcoming Activities**

Construction of the bridge over the Consolidated Mainline Railroad should start later this spring and construction near Auraria campus will also be a focus during the summer months.

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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