



Community

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The \$511.8-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.

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WELCOME!

As we head into the holiday season, we are happy to share the milestones the West Corridor project has reached during another successful month. October wrapped up with our project team meeting the 65 percent design submission goal and the third round of *Coffee with Dennis* small group meetings. We encourage you to continue visiting our Web site regularly for new and exciting updates. We are glad to have you participating in the process and look forward to your continued input.

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[Design Update](#)

The West Corridor design team kicks off November with the 65 percent design submittal. Several hundred pages of design specifications accompanying over 1,000 pages of design drawings will be reviewed by different agencies including several divisions of RTD, the Construction Manager/General Contractor and the affected jurisdictions. But what does that really mean?

From here, cost estimates will be prepared from these drawings by four separate groups: David Evans and Associates (DEA), RTD, Herzog Contracting Company, and Stacey & Witbeck. The four cost estimates then will be reconciled with each other and the final estimate will undergo the Value Engineering process, in which experts will advise RTD on ways to contain costs. These recommendations then will be presented to the project team to weigh the pros and cons. As a result, RTD will have a final budget, which will become part of the Full Funding Grant Agreement application that RTD will submit to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in spring 2007.

[Coffee with Dennis](#)

The third round of *Coffee with Dennis* meetings was a huge success. These meetings allow the public the unique opportunity to discuss topics of interest with Project Manager Dennis Cole and other members of the design team in a small group setting. During October we hosted six meetings that were attended by 50 participants who received answers to their questions, with the following being the topics of most interest.

Top Five Topics:

1. Noise
2. Materials and location of barriers
3. The bike path
4. Property acquisition
5. Impacts of light rail flyover over 6th Avenue in the area of Eldridge Street

Our next set of *Coffee with Dennis* meetings will begin in February 2007. Watch your e-mail or check our Web site to sign up for a time and location near you. You will be prompted to answer a few short questions, including those topics that you may wish to discuss.

Noise Analysis

Rich Letty with KM Chng (the noise sub-consultant to DEA) joined us for two *Coffee with Dennis* meetings in October. He answered many questions from those attending. While the results of the noise study are still being analyzed, he was able to share some preliminary findings. He reported that the current results were very close to those found during the Environmental Impact Statement process. At most there was a 10 percent difference, found mostly in the area of Paco Sanchez Park. Mr. Letty attributed the difference in findings to variations in the locations of the noise sensors.

The coming months will present a number of opportunities for learning the details of the results of the noise study:

- A graphic representing all impacted residential properties based on overall modeling of the 18 specific noise measurement locations will be available at the Urban Design Committee (UDC) meetings in December. See below for dates and times.
- Sound wall locations will be illustrated in the 65 percent submittal plans that will be available for review at the UDC meetings. Wall heights will be spelled out along with rudimentary design detail sufficient for cost estimating.
- An overview of the noise and vibration impacts will be included in the Draft Environmental Assessment that the FasTracks Environmental Resource Group will submit to the FTA in late December. Notice will be provided to the public when this submittal occurs.

Urban Design Committee Meetings, Save the Date

Our UDC will reconvene the first week in December to discuss topics of interest in further detail. The design team will be presenting more detailed information about the noise analysis including actual locations that may receive the most impact. Attendees will also view presentations focused on the bike path, construction schedule and lighting options.

Save The Date

West Corridor UDC Meeting #1
Monday, December 4, 2006, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Lakewood Link Recreation Center
1295 S. Reed St., Lakewood

West Corridor UDC Meeting #2
Wednesday, December 6, 2006, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Clements Community Center
1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood

Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment (EA) is proceeding on schedule. The project team has been meeting with state and federal agencies to minimize impacts to resources such as wetlands and historic assets. The preliminary noise and

vibration impact information is available as of this month.

- November - Continue compiling information as it becomes available on potential environmental impacts along the corridor
- December - Submit draft document to FTA
 - Public Comment period begins
- January - Public Hearing
- Tentative - Decision from FTA

Where Can I Get More Information?

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