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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.

E-NEWS



WELCOME!

Welcome!

As we begin 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 preparing the EA Final Decision Document for submission to the FTA and the continued analysis of the Risk Assessment. As November progresses, the design team continues to work toward the 90 percent design submission. We encourage you to continue visiting our Web site regularly for updates.

November 2007

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[Utility Relocation Update](#)

Xcel Energy crews continue to work in the area of 12th and 13th Avenues between Nelson and Oak Street. This work will continue through the end of the year. Bids are currently being taken for the Xcel utility relocation between Upham and Garrison Street from 12th Avenue to 14th Avenue. The contract for this work should be awarded by December 1, 2007 and relocation construction in this area will begin in late January 2008. Xcel crews will start construction in 13th and 14th Avenue between Kipling and Garrison in November. This work will continue into February of 2008.

[90 Percent Design Submission](#)

Since the 65 percent design submission in July, the West Corridor design team has continued to refine the design for the 90 percent interim design submission scheduled for December 21, 2007. The interim submittal is an initial submittal that will allow the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) to begin pricing the construction project.

The design team will continue to refine elements of the design through the end of 2007 for the final 90 percent design submission on February 4, 2008. The 90 percent final design submission will include greater detail on station designs and aesthetics and will incorporate valid stakeholder comments from the 65 percent design. The CM/GC will use this submission as a reference point for submitting the Guaranteed Maximum Price to RTD.

The GMP is a document that states the specific limit that costs will not exceed. Final design will be complete in Spring of 2008 with the 100 percent design submission.

Lakewood Bike Path Overview

The bike path along the West Corridor in Lakewood will be both an on-street and off-street configuration. The bike path will run parallel to the West Corridor along for the majority of the alignment. It will begin at Platte River Trail in Denver and continue west to Quail Street in Lakewood. A little more than half of the bike path through Lakewood will be a dedicated path, separate from the street. This portion features elevated crossings of Kipling and Wadsworth, on bridges adjacent to the light rail. The street portion of the bike path will be signed for bicycles but they will need to share the road with automobiles.

- Sheridan to Harlan – Bike path separate from street, path south of alignment
- Harlan to Newland – Separate bike path, adjacent to light rail, north side
- Newland to Vance – On Street, north side
- Vance to Dudley – Separate bike path, adjacent to light rail, north side
- Dudley to Estes – On Street, north side
- Estes to Garrison – On Street, south side
- Garrison to Kipling – Separate bike path, adjacent to light rail, north side
- Kipling to Oak – On Street, south side
- Oak to Quail – On street, north side

The design team has worked to eliminate as many bicycle crossings crossing of the track as possible, but there are still four locations where bikes must cross the light rail tracks; at Harlan, Estes, Garrison and Oak Streets. At each of these crossings, the bike path will cross the tracks at street level, adjacent to automobile traffic. Throughout the year, bike path maintenance, including snow removal, crack filling and other general maintenance, will be done by the city where the bike path is located. For more details, or to view graphics of the bike path, contact Brenda Tierney with FasTracks at Brenda.Tierney@rtd-fastracks.com.

Construction Storage & Staging

RTD will require several staging and storage areas along the West Corridor during the construction phase of the project, and will comply with all jurisdictional requirements regarding permitting of such activities at these sites. Use of these areas will help to minimize traffic flow through neighborhoods and to facilitate easy access to materials and equipment for construction crews. The current sites planned for staging and storage areas are located at:

- southwest corner of 11th Avenue and Sheridan Blvd
- northeast corner of 13th Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd
- northeast corner of 13th Avenue and Kipling Street
- north of 13th Avenue through to Colfax Avenue on the west side of Quail Street
- south of 6th Avenue between DeFrame and Arbutus Streets
- northeast corner of 6th Avenue and Indiana Street
- the northwest side of the I-70 and 6th Avenue interchange

Construction materials, including forms, reinforced steel, metal decking and bridge overhang brackets will be stored there. Small construction trailers and lumber piles may also be visible in these areas. To ensure the safety and security of these areas, each staging and storage area will be

locked and secured with fencing.

New E-newsletter E-mail Address

As we continue into the construction phase of the West Corridor project, the West Corridor e-mail address will change. To ensure you continue to receive all communication and the latest updates on the West Corridor, please add the new West Corridor e-mail address, [*westcorridor@rtd-fastracks.com*](mailto:westcorridor@rtd-fastracks.com), to your accepted senders list. Beginning in February 2008, all correspondence will come from this new email address. We look forward to your continued support and participation with the West Corridor project.

How Can I Get (or Stay) Involved?

One of the best ways to get the information that will help you stay involved in the West Corridor design process is to ensure we have your e-mail address. Our periodic e-mails will provide you with information essential to being an active participant. Especially as the project continues to evolve and develop, it will be important to keep all members of the community updated and informed on design milestones and construction activities. Tell your friends and neighbors to sign up on our e-mail list to receive up-to-date information.

Don't forget to visit our Web site, where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor.

Where can I get more information?

Web site: [*www.rtd-fastracks.com*](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com)

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