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The FasTracks West Corridor project consists of constructing a

WELCOME

Construction on the West Corridor continues as the contractor, Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG) begins its portion of required storm drainage work along the corridor. And while construction of the Kipling Bridge has been completed, crews will now mobilize to begin earthwork for placement of the retaining walls at the bridge approach. We encourage you to keep 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, road closures and final design please [click here](#) to connect to the West Corridor Web site.

October 2008

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kipling Bridge

Edward Kraemer and Sons will vacate the premises at Kipling Street by the end of October, as the bridge work in that location is nearly completed. Kraemer's electrical subcontractor will be in the area the last two weeks of October to finalize some work on traffic signalization on Kipling Street. Since the approaches to the Kipling Street Bridge are not constructed yet, the current bike path detour will remain in place.

Denver Transit Construction Group will begin storm drainage work in the area between Kipling and Pikeview on October 20 and placement of retaining walls should follow in early November. Other than the movement of

**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.**

construction equipment, traffic on Kipling Street should not be impacted by this phase of construction. Local residents will notice construction crews working in the RTD right-of-way on both the east and west sides of the bridge.

Gulch Bridges

Activity in the Lakewood Dry Gulch is now continuous from Sheridan Blvd. to Hazel Court as the construction team continues to build five bridges in the area. Crews at the Dry Gulch East Light Rail Bridge are backfilling the bridge abutments and the girders should be set soon. Efforts in the Dry Gulch West area include excavating the light rail bridge abutment to prepare the area for placement of the light rail bridge. The contractor has begun improvements to the channel along the gulch in an effort to permanently stabilize the water flow in the area.

Construction on the pedestrian bridge at Wolff Street continues as crews prepare for placement of the structure by the end of this month. Efforts are now focused on backfilling the bridge abutments. At Hazel Court, crews have completed excavation of the abutments and the piers should be set soon. This bridge should be placed by mid-November. Construction on the Tennyson Street Bridge is on schedule. The abutments have been completed and crews are currently working on one center pier for the superstructure. When work on the pedestrian bridges is complete, the bridges at Hazel Court and Tennyson Street will carry pedestrians over the construction site; however, the bridge at Wolff Street will not be open until the approaches are built.

Storm Sewer Upgrades

As was mentioned above, Denver Transit Construction Group will soon begin improvements on storm water drainage along the corridor. This work will extend from as far west as Simms/Union and move through the corridor heading east into Denver. Initial efforts will begin between Kipling and Pikeview. Upon completion at this location, crews will begin placing a crossing across Collins, east of Union. At the same time, storm drainage work will take place at 13th Avenue and Quail Street. This work may require temporary lane and road closures. Please check the West Corridor Web site often for [road closures](#) that may affect your neighborhood.

UTILITY RELOCATION UPDATE

The corridor is abuzz with activity as Consolidated Mutual Water and Lakewood Sanitary Sewer relocate their services between Harlan Street and Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood Sanitary Sewer is currently working at Pierce Street and 13th Avenue and also at the south east intersection of Wadsworth Blvd. and 13th Avenue. Consolidated Mutual Water has crews at 13th and Vance Street and will be working at the intersections of 13th Avenue and Marshall, Newland, Otis and Pierce Streets in the coming days. Once completed at Pierce Street, the crew there will continue moving east to join the other crew at Wadsworth Blvd.

Xcel Energy is working on clipping and cutting overhead laterals along 14th Avenue between Upham and Estes Street. They are also removing their overhead electric lines off of 13th Avenue from Upham Street to Carr Street. In the next few weeks Xcel will also be working on Collins just east of Simms and on Quail Street north of 13th Avenue. Comcast crews are working at 14th Avenue and Garrison and will be moving south on Garrison towards 13th Avenue. Qwest has a crew at 13th Avenue and Independence Street and expects work in that location to continue for approximately two weeks.

If you would like updated information, please visit the [Utility Relocation](#) page of the West Corridor Web site.

REMOVAL OF TREES IN THE RTD RIGHT-OF-WAY

As we mentioned in the December 2007 West Corridor newsletter, all vegetation in the RTD right-of-way will be removed for construction of the light rail line. Any trees that are on public or private property that have overhanging limbs into the RTD right-of-way will also require trimming. We will do our best to save as many trees on private property as possible.

As we're now at the 100% design stage, identification of the vegetation that needs to be removed has been finalized and you may soon notice trees and vegetation being removed from the RTD right-of-way as the contractor "clears and grubs" areas before construction or utility upgrades can begin in an area.

PERMANENT STREET CLOSURES

Plans for the West Corridor Light Rail Line indicate several permanent street closures in Lakewood. Streets permanently closing at 13th Avenue are Marshall Street, Otis Street, Vance Street, Allison Street, Brentwood Street, Holland Street and Nelson Street.

These closures will be put into place once RTD's contractor, Denver Transit Construction Group, receives a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for general construction expected in early 2009. Advance warning signs will be placed in these locations prior to the closures.

FASTRACKS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Like everyone in the country, RTD is feeling the impacts of these tough economic times. A combination of dramatic cost escalations and decreases in sales tax revenues have required RTD to modify its budget for the FasTracks program and develop options to keep FasTracks moving forward.

RTD is hosting a series of public meetings in each of the 15 RTD Board Districts through October 23 to get public input on FasTracks. At each meeting, RTD is presenting the current viable options for delivering FasTracks and is asking for public feedback on those options. RTD is also encouraging the public to share other ideas and options they have for FasTracks. The proposed options are initial concepts and subject to change based on stakeholder input and further evaluation. All options include some basic assumptions, including the completion of the West Corridor, the first phase of the US 36 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Denver Union Station, all maintenance facilities to support the system and completion of the Gold Line and East Corridor. Continuing to move forward with the West Corridor, East Corridor and Gold Line will allow RTD to continue pursuing \$1.3 billion in federal funding to help build these three corridors. Some of the options do suggest building out only portions of certain corridors or building out the complete program over a longer timeframe. Another option suggests seeking new revenue sources to complete the whole program by 2017.

We urge you to attend one of the remaining public meetings listed below to voice your opinion on the build-out of the FasTracks program.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:00 PM

Montbello Recreation Center

15555 E. 53rd Avenue
Denver, CO 80239

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:00 PM
Highlands Senior Center
2880 Osceola Street
Denver, CO 80212

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:00 PM
Lakewood Cultural Center
470 S. Allison Parkway
Lakewood, CO 80226

Thursday, October 16, 2008 6:00 PM
City of Thornton City Council Chambers
9500 Civic Center Drive
Thornton, CO 80229

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 6:00 PM
City of Aurora Municipal Center,
Aurora Room
15151 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 6:00 PM
Apex Center
13150 W. 72nd Avenue
Arvada, CO 80005

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 6:00 PM
City of Lone Tree City Council Chambers
8527 Lone Tree Parkway
Lone Tree, Co 80124

Thursday, October 23, 2008 6:00 PM
Metro District of Highlands Ranch
62 West Plaza Drive
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Thursday, October 23, 2008 6:00 PM
Longmont Public Library
409 4th Avenue
Longmont, CO 80501

DENVER TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION GROUP (DTCG)



This month's spotlight features Ken Wells, Project Engineer for Denver Transit Construction Group and the West Corridor. Ken will be responsible for field supervision and project engineering during the construction phase of this project. He has been an employee of Stacy and Witbeck Construction (a joint venture partner of DTCG) for seven years and his experience in project engineering, cost controls, estimating, project construction and project management will be a significant advantage to DTCG as construction moves forward.

Ken came to Denver five months ago from Alameda, California, where he played a key role in developing the estimate and budget as part of the estimating team for the project. His intricate knowledge of the job will provide DTCG added benefit as they build-out the West Corridor Light

Rail Line for RTD. Prior to his work in Alameda, Ken worked in San Diego as the Project Manager on the SANDAG Platform Modification Project, a retrofit of 15 platforms for the Blue and Green Lines in San Diego, Mission Valley, El Cajon and Santee, San Diego, CA. He was also the Project Engineer on the SANDAG Light Rail/Bus Transit Center reconstruction project, which included the complete replacement and improvements to the light rail station and bus loops servicing the border between the United States and Mexico in San Ysidro, CA. Prior to his time in California, Ken worked on the Southern Blvd. /Congress Avenue Overpass and the Florida Turnpike/Lantana Road Bridge Reconstruction in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Ken holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. In his spare time he enjoys hiking and skiing in the Colorado mountains, but if it gets too cold, he tries to make a few trips back to Florida to scuba dive. Ken grew up mostly in Texas, but with his father also in construction, he has lived all over the country as the family moved from project to project.

DTCG is proud to have Ken on this project. His versatile capabilities, initiative and expertise will be an asset to the successful construction of the West Corridor.

HOW CAN I GET (OR STAY) INVOLVED?

One of the best ways to get information to help you stay involved in the West Corridor construction phase is to ensure we have your e-mail address. Our periodic e-mails will provide you with information essential to keep you up to date on construction impacts. As the project evolves, it will be very important to keep all members of the community updated on 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 address changes, please notify us.

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?

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