



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.

E - NEWS



WELCOME!

As the summer came to a close, the West Corridor team wrapped up August with two large project milestones: the revised 65 percent design submission and the release of the Environmental Assessment (EA) study. As we move forward into September we encourage you to take the time to review the EA document and share your thoughts. We look forward to seeing you at the EA Public Hearing later this month.

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Save the Date

Environmental Assessment Public Hearing: The EA Public Hearing will provide a chance for you to share your comments on the EA document with RTD and the West Corridor project team. This meeting is scheduled for: Sept. 19, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Jefferson County Fairgrounds (15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden)

Environmental Assessment Update

The Environmental Assessment (EA) is ready for your review! Since the Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2003, there have been many changes to the West Corridor light rail project. The EA evaluates any environmental impacts caused by these changes. [The EA can be reviewed online here.](#) Hard copies of the document can be reviewed at:

- RTD Administrative Offices, 1600 Blake St., Denver
- RTD FasTracks Offices, 1560 Broadway, Suite 700, Denver
- Federal Transit Administration, 12300 W. Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood
- City and County of Denver, 1437 Bannock St., Room 350, Denver
- City of Lakewood, 480 S. Allison Pkwy., Lakewood
- Jefferson County Administration Office, 100 Jefferson County Pkwy., Golden
- City of Golden, 911 10th St., Golden
- Belmar Library, 555 S. Allison Pkwy., Lakewood
- Denver Main Library, 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy., Denver
- Edgewater Library, 5843 W. 25th Ave., Edgewater
- Golden Library, 1019 10th St., Golden

- Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., Lakewood
- Red Rocks Community College Library, 13300 W. Sixth Ave., Lakewood
- Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood

We encourage you to review the EA and share your comments. Comments will be accepted through October 3. You can voice your thoughts by:

- Mailing your comments to RTD at RTD FasTracks, c/o Dennis Cole, 1560 Broadway Ave., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202
- Visiting the West Corridor Web site [at this link](#) to submit your comments
- Attending the EA Public Hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Halls, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden

Utilities Relocation Update

Xcel Energy had originally planned to move all overhead utilities located on the north side of 13th Avenue underground; however, they have since determined that the overhead services will move to 14th Avenue and remain above ground. The change is a result of a lack of space in the majority of the 13th Avenue corridor. The width of the property owned by RTD is usually 50 feet or less. Light rail requires approximately 34 feet of space. With the 10 feet required to install the bike path and two feet of over-dig on each side, a maximum of two feet of clear space is left for Xcel Energy, Qwest and Comcast to install their facilities. Xcel Energy requires eight to 10 feet for installation and maintenance, Qwest requires up to 20 four-inch ducts in most places along this route, and Comcast needs two three-inch conduits. The amount of space available for the installation is not enough to meet the required clearance for safe operation.

Urban Design Committee Overview

The August series of Urban Design Committee (UDC) meetings provided an excellent opportunity to view the latest station designs and platform concepts, including scale models and 3-D renditions of select stations. We received and recorded your feedback on the displayed items including:

- lighting options
- benches, bike racks and trash cans
- fence barrier materials
- windscreens
- noise wall aesthetics

View the sample materials and station details displayed at the meetings [at this link](#).

The majority of comments submitted referred to the lighting options, benches and Omega barrier fence material. We are carefully reviewing your comments as we proceed toward the 90 percent design submittal. As always, your feedback remains very important to the final design process. If you didn't get a chance to attend the meetings and comment, we encourage you to [share your thoughts here](#).

Community Outreach

Efforts to keep the community involved during design have been far-reaching. More than 1,600 people have attended public and small group meetings in the past 18 months. We have had large public meetings, UDC meetings, noise demonstrations, small group discussions (*Coffee with Dennis*) and a light rail station tour. We realize there is a lot of information that is continually evolving and things change from one day to the next. Be assured

that we are nearing final conclusions in all areas as we move forward to construction. Since it is difficult to keep up with all the changes and developments, you may still have some questions regarding how this project will look in your community. If you have ongoing questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Brenda Tierney at brenda.tierney@rtd-fastracks.com.

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 findings, decisions and achievements. 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 new Web site, where you'll find all the latest information about the West Corridor.

Where can I get more information?

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The following communication assistance is available for all Regional Transportation District public meetings: language interpreters, sign-language interpreters, assisted listening devices, alternative formats such as large print, or reasonable accommodations for special needs. **Contact RTD at 303-299-2401 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to discuss your special needs and request for accommodation.**