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**Discuss East Corridor Transit Recommendations
At Corridor-Wide Meetings Nov. 8 & 9**

DENVER – The East Corridor project team urges residents, business owners and stakeholders to attend upcoming corridor-wide meetings to provide input on alternative recommendations for the 23.6-mile FasTracks corridor between Denver Union Station (DUS) in downtown Denver and Denver International Airport (DIA).

“Based on three years of unprecedented community outreach, we are recommending a rail transit system to serve the 37,000 daily users of this critical FasTracks corridor while addressing the neighborhoods’ concerns,” said Mike Turner, project manager for the East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project.

The corridor-wide meetings are scheduled from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Montbello Recreation Center, 15555 E. 53rd Ave., Denver; and on Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Swansea Recreation Center, 2650 E. 49th Ave., Denver.

The corridor-wide meetings will include an open house format and small discussion groups. Light refreshments, child care and translation will be available.

Alternative recommendations include:

- Electric commuter rail service between DUS and DIA.

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- In addition to Denver Union Station, eight stations at 40th Avenue/40th Street, Colorado Boulevard, Central Park Boulevard, Peoria Street, 40th Avenue/Airport Boulevard, 64th/Pena Boulevard ,72nd/Himalya Street and Denver International Airport.
- Commuter rail maintenance facility located at the Union Pacific (UP) 36th Street Yard West in Denver.
- Rail transit service between Civic Center Station, located at Broadway and the 16th Street Mall, and the East Corridor's 40th/40th station, served by a single light rail vehicle or a streetcar.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement, scheduled for release in early 2007, will identify the potential impacts to the communities and the environment, and recommend ways to lessen those impacts. After considering and responding to public comments, a final environmental impact statement will be prepared in late 2007. The Federal Transit Administration will issue a decision document at the end of 2007.

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 accommodation for special needs

Contact Skye Barker, 303-894-8600, 72 hours prior to the meeting to discuss your special needs and request for accommodation.

About East Corridor EIS

The East Corridor is a 23.6-mile rapid transit corridor extending from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport. The East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement is analyzing transit alternatives on the East Corridor and an extension of transit on the Central Corridor/Downing Street. In the 2004 FasTracks election, voters approved a budget of \$702.1 million for the East Corridor and \$54 million for the Central Corridor. Service is scheduled to begin in 2014.

About FasTracks

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved \$4.7 billion, 12-year program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. Scheduled for completion in 2017, FasTracks will create six new light rail and commuter rail corridors, extend three existing corridors, add 21,000 new parking spaces, and expand bus service across the entire District.