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Welcome to *Inside RTD FasTracks*—a monthly e-update to keep you informed about the progress of the Regional Transportation District's FasTracks program, events and news.

Latest News

[NORTH METRO LINE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL HAS TECHNICAL MERIT](#)

An unsolicited proposal for the North Metro Line has been determined to have technical merit. The confidential proposal was submitted by a team led by Graham Contracting Limited. RTD now plans to accelerate the competitive bidding process by releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) earlier than previously announced—this summer rather than October.

Over the past two years, RTD has been very public with its “call for innovation” to the private sector, asking for solutions to help RTD complete the partially funded FasTracks projects as soon as possible. This was the premise behind RTD’s first industry forum, Transformation Through Transportation, held in September 2011.

The previous unsolicited proposal was received in March 2012 from Kiewit Infrastructure Company for the I-225 Rail Project. After a competitive process, Kiewit was awarded a contract to design and build the whole line by the end of 2015, with opening scheduled in 2016.

[WEST RAIL LINE NAMED ONE OF 2012’S MOST SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BY ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA](#)



W Line Trains undergoing testing on the westbound approach to Jefferson County Government Center

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) recognized the West Rail Line project when the organization presented its Alliant Build America Merit Awards during the AGC's annual convention in Palm Springs March 7th. The awards are considered to be the most prestigious recognition of construction accomplishments in the U.S.

AGC noted that the **West Rail Line** project was completed eight months ahead of schedule and on budget, thanks to the construction team's commitment to innovation and ingenuity. The line travels through three cities, which required intergovernmental agreements. **Denver Transit Construction Group**, the project's civil contractor, built 13 bridges, two tunnels, 12 stations and 12 miles of light rail as well as managed numerous challenges related to relocating utilities and property acquisition.

In addition to West Rail Line's national recognition, Lakewood-based Denver Transit Construction Group is one of six firms to receive the Alliant Build America Merit Award. A panel of judges, representing all areas of construction, assessed each project's complexity, use of innovative construction techniques and client satisfaction, among other criteria.

WEST RAIL LINE OPENING EVENTS

Grand Opening Ceremony, Friday, April 26, Jefferson County Government Center – Golden Station 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *The W Line is free to ride all day.*

West Rail Line Station Parties Saturday, April 27 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *All light rail lines will be free to ride this day.*

WANT A FASTRACKS PRESENTATION?



To schedule a FasTracks presentation for your group or organization, please contact the FasTracks Public Information Team today at 303.299.6990.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit expansion program to build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. For more information about FasTracks, visit www.rtd-fastracks.com.

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