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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.

FasTracks News

RTD seeks public input on its existing fare structure



RTD Title VI Manager Michael Washington talks to attendees at a public meeting in Lakewood to outline the transit agency's new Fare Structure Study.

- **Denver:** Noon, Thursday, Aug. 28, at RTD headquarters at 1600 Blake St.
- **Longmont:** 6:30 p.m., Aug. 28 in the City Council Chambers of the Civic Center at 350 Kimbark St.
- **Aurora:** 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Aurora Municipal Center, City Café, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

The Regional Transportation District has embarked on a comprehensive study to simplify and improve its fare structure before the rail-and-bus system expands in 2016.

As part of that process, the growing public transit agency has held public meetings to garner feedback from communities across the Denver metropolitan region.

So far, meetings have been held in Westminster, Lakewood and Commerce City and the public is encouraged to attend the following remaining meetings:

RTD's study will evaluate current fare policies based on distance, light rail zones and class of service such as local, regional and express buses. It will also assess fare media such as cash, tickets and pass programs, including the EcoPass.

[Learn more about the 2014 RTD Fare Structure Study](#) or leave a comment at 303-299-3273.

Denver Union Station nets national design-build award



Visitors walk beneath the new Train Hall canopy behind historic Denver Union Station.

The Union Station Transit Center project – one of the world’s most exciting new transit hubs – is being recognized by industry peers.

The Design-Build Institute of America has named the project the winner of a National Award of Merit. Union Station design-build contractor Kiewit Infrastructure Co. submitted the award entry on behalf of the project team.

Union Station won in the transportation category (other than aviation) and is a nominee for one of three National Awards of Excellence in the same category in the areas of design, process and teaming. The

institute will announce the winners at an Oct. 7 awards dinner in Dallas.

[Learn more about Denver Union Station](#)

Aurora Line/I-225 Rail is focus of next CAC meeting



Workers stack a rail shipment for installation along the I-225 Rail Line in Aurora.

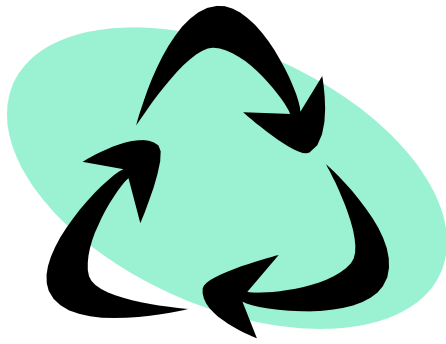
The FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee or CAC will hold its next quarterly public outreach meeting in Aurora next month and will focus on the Aurora Line/I-225 Rail project.

The public is invited to attend the CAC’s meetings to learn more about the progress RTD’s FasTracks transit expansion program is making with new rail and bus projects around the eight-country RTD district.

The CAC meeting will take place 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Aurora Room of the Aurora Municipal Center at 15151 E. Alameda Parkway in Aurora.

[Learn more about the I-225 Rail Line](#)

SE Rail Extension environmental assessment nearly done



RTD is seeking public comment on the findings of an environmental assessment or EA for the FasTracks Southeast Rail Extension project. The proposed project will extend light rail transit an additional 2.3 miles from the existing end-of-line station at Lincoln Avenue south to RidgeGate Parkway.

The community will be able to learn more about the project progress and provide input on findings that include impacts to environmental resources, proposed mitigation measures and next steps. The meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 27, 7-9 p.m., in the Willow Room at the Lone Tree Recreation Center on 10249

RidgeGate Circle in Lone Tree.

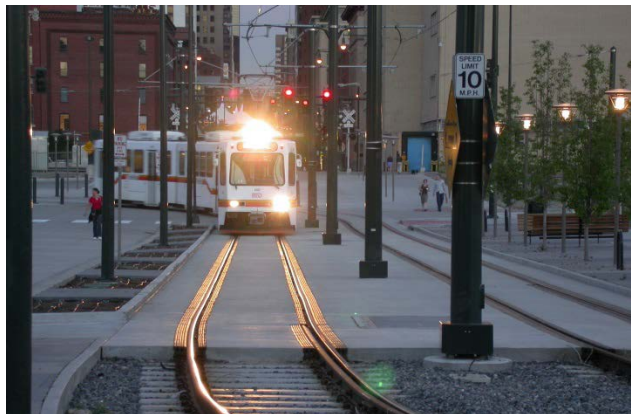
You can find the EA on the RTD [website](#) or review a hardcopy at the following locations:

- RTD Administration Building, 1600 Blake St., Denver.
- RTD FasTracks Office, 1560 Broadway, Seventh Floor, Denver.
- City of Lone Tree Administrative Office, 9220 Kimmer Drive, Suite 100, Lone Tree, Colorado.
- Douglas County Government, 100 Third St., Castle Rock, Colorado.
- Lone Tree Library, 8827 Lone Tree Parkway, Lone Tree, Colorado.
- Parker Library, 10851 S. Crossroads Drive, Parker, Colorado.
- Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 S. Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

[Learn more about the Southeast Rail Line and the extension project](#)

FasTracks Feature

Ever wonder how light rail trains work?



If you've traveled by light rail train around the Denver metro area, chances are you've noticed the catenary wires that power the electric vehicles. Take a look at a FasTracks [video](#) that will demystify the process even further. In this "powerful" video, RTD Systems Engineering Project Manager Jason Barber walks us through how these trains get their juice.

Project Updates

News from the Field ... Stakeholders along the **U.S. 36 bus rapid transit** corridor are reviewing six vehicle designs to determine which buses RTD will run on the BRT line starting in 2016. ... Progress continues on the Aurora Line/**I-225 Rail** light rail bridges. Workers are installing rail ties on the median bridge; the Mississippi Bridge's concrete deck pour took place Aug. 17; and workers will install Colfax Bridge girders in September. Meanwhile, the Iliff and Florida stations are taking shape. Twenty people attended an Aug. 14 public meeting to learn more about the

Peoria Station, which will connect passengers to the East Rail Line to Denver International Airport. Finally, light rail systems elements are moving forward – work that Aurora Channel 8 featured in its August I-225 Rail Line Systems [video](#).

Read more about the [RTD FasTracks](#) rail and bus rapid transit projects:

[Central Rail Extension](#)

[Denver Union Station](#)

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[East Rail Line](#)

[Free MetroRide](#)

[Gold Line](#)

[I-225 Rail Line](#)

[Maintenance Facilities](#)

[North Metro Rail Line](#)

[Northwest Rail Line](#)

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RTD Board Meetings

The RTD Board holds regular meetings most Tuesdays. [Learn more...](#)

Calendar of Events

For a complete listing of upcoming events and activities, click [here](#).

Now Presenting

To schedule a FasTracks presentation for your group or organization, 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's historic Union Station and redirect bus service to connect the eight-county district better. For more information about FasTracks, visit www.rtd-fastracks.com.

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