

RTD to Hold Additional Telephone Town Hall Meeting June 27 for Northwest Area Study

Incorrect Call-in Number Keeps Some People From Participating

DENVER, June 20, 2013 – More than 48,000 people were called to join the Regional Transportation District’s (RTD) live telephone town hall meeting on June 19, with nearly 5,300 residents actually participating in the call. But others would have participated if they were able to connect through the publicized call-in number. The telephone town hall served as the public kick-off of the Northwest Area Mobility Study that will result in a prioritized list of mobility improvements for the northwest area.

RTD and northwest area stakeholders held the telephone meeting to help the public learn about the study’s goals and objectives, and provide an opportunity to ask questions and share comments. But an error in the published call-in phone number prevented some people from connecting to the meeting.

“This is unfortunate and we apologize for the inconvenience to those who tried to join the meeting,” said RTD General Manager Phil Washington. “Our goal is to include as many people as possible in this process, so holding a second meeting will provide another opportunity for those who’d like to participate.”

RTD has scheduled another telephone town hall meeting for Thursday, June 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Some 50,000 residents in the northwest metro area will be called at random through an automated system and invited to participate in the public telephone forum. In addition, **anyone can call in and join the meeting by dialing toll free 1-877-229-8493, and entering the ID code 19081.**

Despite the phone number snafu, 5,300 people listened in, participated in live polling questions and asked questions to RTD Directors and stakeholders. A recording of the meeting will soon be available on the RTD website at www.rtd-denver.com and clicking on the FasTracks tab.

The goal of the Northwest Area Mobility Study is to collaborate with corridor stakeholders to determine the best and most cost-effective way to provide mobility in the area given the significant cost increases associated with the Northwest Rail Line to Longmont.



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.

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