May 1, 2016

Mr. Jacob Riger
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Denver Regional Council of Governments
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Re: 2016 FasTracks Status Report

Dear Mr. Riger:

Please find attached the 2016 FasTracks Status Report, which is submitted for your review and distribution as required by DRCOG Resolution No. 14 dated September 18, 2013. This resolution states that RTD is to provide an annual status report to DRCOG on the FasTracks Program for informational purposes.

This year has been and will be a significant year for the FasTracks program. The first four months of 2016 have been history-making, beginning with the opening of the U.S. 36 Flatiron Flyer BRT service on January 3, 2016, and continuing with the opening of the University of Colorado A Line commuter rail service to Denver International Airport on April 22, 2016. The opening of these projects is only the beginning of new service that will be initiated this year. By the end of 2016, revenue service will also begin on Northwest Rail - Phase 1, the Gold Line, and the I-225 Rail Line. Construction already underway on North Metro Rail from Denver Union Station to 124th Avenue will continue and construction on the Southeast Rail Extension (SERE) is anticipated to begin.

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) with Final Design (Phase I) for SERE was issued to Balfour Beatty Rail Infrastructure, Incorporated (BBII) on July 28, 2015, who was selected through a competitive bid process. The SERE project is nearing completion of a Fixed-Guideway Capital Investments grant application process (Small Starts). RTD requested $92 million in funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to construct this project and has completed all phases of the application process. On April 27, 2016, RTD received notice that FTA has issued a Small Starts Construction Grant Agreement (SSGA) for $92 million, which is the full amount requested. With receipt of the SSGA, RTD is ready to move forward to issue NTP for Construction (Phase 2) of the SERE project, which is anticipated to occur no later than May 1, 2016.

The status of all FasTracks projects is summarized on the attached Progress Fact Sheet (Second Quarter 2016). Updated information on the projects discussed above is included, as is information on the remaining FasTracks projects that are the subject of a study to determine potential eligibility for federal funding. These projects include the completion of the North Metro Rail Line from 124th to 162nd Avenue; the Southwest Rail Extension from the existing end-of-line Mineral Station to a new end-of-line station at Lucent Boulevard; the Central Rail Extension from the 30th and Downing Station to the 38th and Blake Station; and the Northwest Rail Line from Westminster to Longmont.

Study efforts include updated ridership, capital cost, and operating cost assumptions for each project. This information will be used to prepare likely ratings for each project based upon
current FAST Act provisions. This effort will document whether or not any of these projects would qualify for a Small Starts or New Starts grant, allowing the Board of Directors to better understand the range of available funding options.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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RTD - FasTracks

Attachment

Cc: Brian Welch, RTD
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    Matthew Helfant, DRCOG
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US 36 BRT (Flatiron Flyer)—Service began Jan. 3
• In the first three months of operations, ridership on the Flatiron Flyer is up 45 percent compared to ridership of the previous U.S. 36 bus service in August 2015.

East (University of Colorado A) Line—Service began April 22
• The University of Colorado A Line successfully opened April 22. More than 85,000 people rode the train during the weekend's celebratory festivities.

Northwest (B) Line—Opening summer
• Track and overhead power line installation is complete on the line to the Westminster Station, which is under development. The first test train pulled into the station in April 2016 and canopy installation at the station is complete.

Gold (G) Line—Opening fall
• Civil construction is complete and the entire line is now fully electrified. Testing along the corridor will begin in May 2016.

I-255 (R) Line—Opening winter
• Off-site testing of train and traffic signals is in progress for at-grade crossings throughout the system.

FasTracks is an Economic Driver for the Region
• Since 2005, FasTracks has created more than 16,000 direct full-time jobs.
• $5.6 billion has been invested to date across the region.
• Every $1 invested in transit infrastructure translates into a $4 investment into the local economy.

FasTracks Moving Forward
• The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has granted RTD $92 million for the Southeast Rail Extension project. The Small Starts construction grant allows RTD to give Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc. (BBII) the notice to proceed with construction.

It took a region to create FasTracks and it will take a region to get it done.
Central Rail Extension
- RTD staff is continuing advanced engineering and is updating the cost estimate.

Denver Union Station
- The Union Station bus concourse is open. Commuter rail trains are fully operational at the train station behind the historic building.

Eagle P3
- Denver Transit Partners, the Eagle concessionaire, has been hiring and training workers and train operators at the commuter rail maintenance facility. All 66 commuter rail cars, including 10 for North Metro Rail Line, have been delivered to Denver.

Gold (G) Line
- All track construction is complete and the overhead power lines are installed. All lines are also electrified. Train testing will begin in spring 2016 after all crossings have been tested and are deemed safe.

I-225 Rail (R) Line
- With final track and ties set, the entire system is connected from end to end. Crews are performing electrical work throughout the system, including stringing overhead wire, installing traction power electrification and communication stations, and completing roadways and station platforms.

North Metro Rail (N) Line
- Infrastructure built out on the North Metro Rail Line continues. All 11 bridges on the project are under construction. The Skyway Bridge work continues with piers and girders installation. Meanwhile, grading and forming walls on stations, is underway.

Northwest Rail (B) Line
- The 64th Avenue Bridge, the only roadway bridge on the entire commuter rail project, is complete. The city of Westminster is 50 percent complete constructing a 350-space parking garage at the Westminster Station. The station's pedestrian underpass and walls are complete and the canopy has been installed.

University of Colorado A Line
- The University of Colorado A Line opened April 22 after a year-long testing program. RTD will continue its safety outreach program with schools and community groups along the corridor throughout operations.

Free MetroRide
- This service began in May 2014 and is a popular complement to the Free MallRide in downtown Denver.

Southwest Rail Extension
- Southwest Rail Extension stakeholders and RTD staff are evaluating opportunities to move the project forward.

U.S. 36 BRT (Flatiron Flyer)
- This service began Jan. 3, 2016.

West Rail Line
- This project opened in April 2013.