May 1, 2017

Mr. Matthew Helfant, AICP
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Re: 2017 FasTracks Status Report

Dear Mr. Helfant:

I am pleased to provide the 2017 FasTracks Status Report, which is submitted for your review and distribution per 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.

The FasTracks Plan is well into implementation with seven projects completed and in operation. These include:

West Rail Line (W Line): April 2013
Denver Union Station (DUS): August 2011 (Light Rail Station); May 2014 (Bus Concourse); April 2016 (Commuter Rail Operations)
Free MetroRide: Spring 2014
East Rail Line (Colorado A Line to Denver International Airport): April 2016
Northwest Rail Line Phase 1 (B Line to Westminster): July 2016
I-225 Rail Line (R Line): February 2017

Additionally, the North Metro Rail Line (DUS to 124th Avenue) and the Southeast Rail Extension (SERE) are in construction. The SERE project received a Small Starts Construction Grant Agreement (SSGA) in the amount of $92 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in April 2016. Construction was initiated in May 2016 and is well underway.

Nearing completion is the Gold Line (G Line) from DUS to Arvada and Wheat Ridge. The commuter rail line is part of the Eagle project (East, Gold, and Northwest Rail Phase 1). Construction is complete (with only punchlist items remaining) and testing is the next step.

Related to this is the FRA waiver that is in effect for University of Colorado A Line. The FRA recently agreed to extend this waiver through July 30, 2017 and the line continues to operate safely, with flaggers at all at-grade crossings. Concurrent with the coordination with the FRA, RTD has also been working with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to meet their requirements for the gates operations. When RTD receives approval from the PUC and FRA, the flaggers can be removed and the quiet zone application process can begin.
In its first year, the University of Colorado has been well-utilized. This past year, the rail line has carried nearly five million passengers and traveled 1.2 million miles. The train serves more than 17,000 passenger trips a day delivering people to eight stations, including DUS and Denver Airport Station located at the south end of the terminal at Denver International Airport. For the past year the line has provided service for airport travelers along with local daily commuters, who work, play and live around the line.

Additional service that is under future consideration is the addition of stops along the B Line at the 41st and Fox and at the Pecos Junction Stations. This would add approximately 2 to 4 minutes to the total travel time from DUS to Westminster Station, and would provide additional access for B Line riders. RTD is currently in negotiations with the concessionaire, Denver Transit Partners (DTP) to implement this service. Because it cannot be initiated until successful negotiations are complete, the schedule for implementation is uncertain.

Remaining FasTracks projects that are not yet in construction include North Metro Rail from 124th Avenue to 162nd Avenue; the Southwest Rail Extension; the Central Corridor Extension; and the Northwest Rail Line Phase 2. At present, funding has not been identified for these projects, which places them beyond the current planning horizon of 2040. RTD continues to consider all options and to seek funding for these projects so that they can be implemented prior to 2040. Once funding is identified, an appropriate schedule can be determined.

The FasTracks Program costs through 2019 are enclosed. For additional information on FasTracks Projects, see the attached status sheet.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Brian Welch, RTD
    Susan Wood, RTD
    Jacob Riger, DRCOG
    FasTracks Document Control
## FasTracks Program Costs Through 2019

(millions of dollars)

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W Line (West)
This service between Union Station and the Jefferson County Government Center began in April 2013.

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

Flatiron Flyer (US36 BRT)
This bus rapid transit service between Denver and Boulder began Jan. 3, 2016.

University of Colorado A Line (East)
In the past year, the rail line has carried nearly five million passengers and traveled 1.2 million miles. The train serves more than 17,000 passenger trips a day.

Free MetroRide
This popular free bus service began in May 2014 and complements the Free MallRide in downtown Denver.

B Line (Northwest)
**R Line (225)**
The R Line through Aurora opened February 26, 2017.

**G Line (Gold)**
The G Line has the same at-grade crossing technology as the University of Colorado A Line. Once those issues are resolved, testing will resume on the G Line and the line move toward an opening date.

**N Line (North)**
Work continues on the Skyway Bridge, the longest bridge in the state when complete. Catenary poles are being set along the guideway, along with the installation of ballast and rail. Station work is well underway with the first station platform to be poured this summer.

**L Line Extension (Central)**
RTD staff is continuing advanced engineering and updating the cost estimate.

**C & D Lines Extension (Southwest)**
Southwest stakeholders and RTD staff are evaluating opportunities to move the project forward.

**E, F & R Lines Extension (Southeast)**
Construction began in June 2016. Girders have been placed for light rail bridges over RidgeGate Parkway and I-25. Lincoln bridge column and pier construction on the north side of Lincoln Avenue will conclude this spring. Concrete pours are complete for three of the four levels of the RidgeGate end-of-line parking structure.

**Safety**
The commuter rail safety outreach program is complete for the University of Colorado A Line, B Line and G Line. Forty-seven schools and nearly 35,000 students received safety training. Safety outreach will continue via the Dumb Ways to Die campaign.