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APPLE FOR YOUR THOUGHTS...

MORE THAN 1,100 PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE TMA'S 2010 TRANSIT SURVEY

Were you one of the 1,100 individuals that participated in the 2010 survey for The South I-25 Urban Corridor Transportation Management Association (TMA) between February 1st and March 31st? If so, thank you for your feedback! The TMA created the survey to collect information and identify issues pertaining to public transportation and alternate modes of transit. The purpose was to understand why employees do or do not use public transportation and/or alternate transit and what can be improved to encourage the use of both.

You answered and we are listening. With your input and the results of the questions compiled, the TMA plans to use the data to develop and implement new programs and projects to make the Southeast Corridor less congested and more mobile for individuals traveling to and from work. What does that mean for you? A more accessible Corridor will decrease commute times, save money on gas and wear and tear on your vehicle and reduce CO2 emissions by your vehicle, all contributing to the enhancement of air quality and the feeling of doing something beneficial for yourself and the environment. All of this is possible because of your effort in the survey and the TMA's planned improvements based on the results.

Another advantage in taking the survey was the chance to win one of five Apple iPod touches or an Apple iPad. The winners were chosen at random and six lucky individuals were gifted with some of Apple's finest. Congratulations to the winners: Don Giancola, Cheri Friedl, Rae Price, Michael Fields, and Claudine Carrera. The Apple iPad recipient was Andrew Kaplan.

For more updates on the TMA and information on future transportation improvements in the Southeast Corridor, please visit www.SOUTHEASTconnections.com.

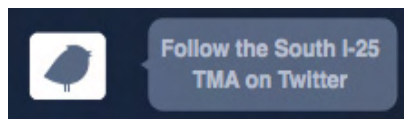
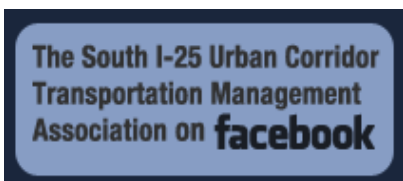
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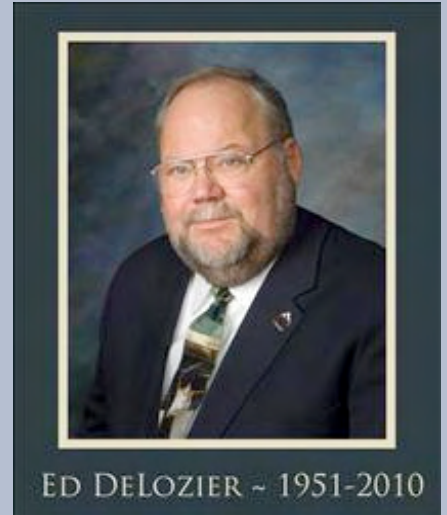
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E-470 ANNOUNCES DEATH OF ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ED DELOZIER ~ 1951-2010

E-470 Public Highway Authority Executive Director Edward J. DeLozier died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 in an Austin, Texas hospital as the result of a stroke suffered Tuesday afternoon (April 21).

The stroke occurred in the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport as DeLozier was about to board a return flight to Denver following his attendance at an industry conference. He was immediately taken by ambulance to University Medical Center at Brackenridge.

His wife, Lynn DeLozier, and other members of the family, flew from Denver to Austin Tuesday night to be with her husband.

DeLozier, 58, joined E-470 as executive director on January 11, 1999.

John McCuskey, deputy executive director for E-470, will be acting executive director at this time.

Ed Tauer, E-470's Board Chair and Mayor of Aurora, said, "Everyone in the E-470 family is greatly saddened by Ed's death. Ed was a unique soul. We will miss his warm, personal leadership style and sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ed's wife, family and many friends."

-Provided by the E-470 Public Highway Authority





RTD SUPPORTS EARTH DAY YEAR AROUND

REDUCE YOUR ANNUAL CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSION BY 4,800 POUNDS BY TAKING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) recognizes the importance of caring for the environment every day of the year. At RTD, we continue to pursue new technologies to reduce emissions, conserve resources, address environmental issues and improve air quality. Here are some of RTD's Earth-friendly programs:

Alternative fuels

With help from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), we are constantly evaluating new engine technologies and alternative fuels. Compressed natural gas is used in all of the hybrid-electric FREE MallRide buses to reduce bus exhaust emissions. In fact, RTD's own diesel-emission standards are twice as stringent as the State of Colorado's.

Environmentally sensitive maintenance

Environmentally safe soaps and solvents are used to wash engines. Low-volatile organic-compound paint and reduced-solvent cleaning techniques are used to reduce volatile emissions and eliminate contaminated wastewater. In addition, all maintenance trucks are equipped with spill-containment units so that antifreeze, oil and other hazardous materials are disposed of properly this year.

Low-pollution vehicles

The FREE MallRide buses on the 16th Street Mall are natural-gas, battery-powered, hybrid-electric vehicles. The electric-powered light rail system puts out 99% less hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide and 60% less nitrogen oxide emissions than automobiles. Nine 40-foot, low-floor, diesel-hybrid electric buses are operating in the RTD fleet, providing a 90% greater reduction in particulate emissions than regular diesel buses.

Within the last five years, RTD has purchased more than 350 new buses operating on new ultra-low-sulfur diesel. These buses have the most advanced emission-reduction technologies, which help to reduce exhaust emissions by 90% compared to emissions from the old buses.

Being green has taken on a new meaning, and the challenge lies in making sure this environmental movement is more than just a trend. Today, Americans are making strides with recycling, reusable shopping bags, water conservation, high-efficiency light bulbs and public transit.

Despite all of our progress, we cannot relax our efforts when it comes to our transportation choices and their effect on the environment. According to the 2007 Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, "personal travel" accounts for 34% of the 25.9 metric tons of carbon released into the atmosphere per individual per year. A recent National Geographic article stated that if everyone drove their cars 20 fewer miles a week, it would reduce carbon dioxide output by 107 million tons or 9% of all auto emissions.

Go green

REDUCE energy consumption by turning off lights and computers when not in use.

REUSE bags, water bottles and dishware instead of using disposables.

RECYCLE paper, office supplies and office furniture.

RIDE public transportation, a carpool or a bicycle.

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RTD MAY SERVICE CHANGES

The May Service Changes were implemented on Sunday, May 2, 2010. The service changes are available on the RTD website at RTD-Denver.com/ServiceChanges.

The new US 36 & Broomfield park-n-Ride also opened on May 2. The new park-n-Ride is located near the 1STBANK Center (formerly Broomfield Event Center) off of US 36 and 116th Avenue.

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FASTRACKS UPDATE

FasTracks Moving Forward

With the economy still in the very tentative stages of recovery, the RTD Board has decided not to pursue a 2010 FasTracks ballot initiative. A number of factors went into their decision, including the current economy, recent poll results, and the challenges of funding a campaign at this time. At the same meeting, the Board approved a resolution that ensures this question will be considered every year until FasTracks is fully funded.

Even without a tax vote in 2010, 47 miles of new FasTracks rail lines will be under construction or under contract by the end of this year. This will more than double RTD's existing 35 miles of passenger rail.

Also, within the next 18 months, five of the 11 FasTracks projects will be under construction - West Corridor (2008), Denver Union Station (March 2010), East Corridor (September 2010), Gold Line (2011), Northwest Rail (2011).



Eagle P3 Team Presentation

The two teams competing for the Eagle P3 Project contract will conduct public presentations of their technical proposals on Tuesday, May 18. Denver Transit Partners and Mountain-Air Transit Partners will be presenting their final proposals at the Paramount Theatre, 1621 Glenarm Place in downtown Denver, with one team presenting at 1 p.m. and the other at 3 p.m. The presentations will be open to the public. Seats will be reserved for the RTD Board, RTD executive staff and elected officials. Other seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Eagle P3 Project is a public-private partnership in which RTD will contract with a team of private partners to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the East Corridor, Gold Line, a short segment of the Northwest Rail and the commuter rail maintenance facility projects as one project.

SOUTHEAST CORRIDOR

- The project team finalized the EE document and 30 percent design plans have been received and comments are being addressed. The RTD Board adopted the Southeast Corridor Extension Final EE on Feb. 16.
- The Final EE was distributed the week of April 5.

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