

## FasTracks Newsletter/Website Article

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> voters in the metropolitan area will have an opportunity to vote for FasTracks. FasTracks is a comprehensive transit network that provides important new transportation choices and improved accessibility throughout the region. FasTracks will also strengthen the economy, create jobs, and shape the future of the region for decades to come.

The Denver region is expected to add 900,000 new residents over the next 20 years. FasTracks will help us manage this growth and gain its economic benefits, while preserving our quality of life.

The T-REX southeast light rail line running from the Denver Tech Center to downtown Denver will be completed in 2006. The project is on-time and on-budget.

FasTracks adds 119 miles of additional rail throughout the metro area, including extension of the T-REX southeast light rail to Lone Tree and a new line along I-225. The T-REX light rail line will see 2,520 additional parking spaces added to the 4,883 currently under construction. FasTracks also includes circulator buses to serve rail stations, new suburb to suburb bus service, bus rapid transit along US36 to Boulder and 21,000 additional parking spaces.

The I-225 light rail line will connect to the rail line providing access to DIA, a great connection for both businesses and residents. The I-225 line will provide access to Fitzsimons Medical Center, a major employment complex which is expected to have 32,000 workers when fully completed. The T-REX extension is critical to the planned residential and commercial expansion of the new Sky Ridge Medical Center.

The cost is \$4.7 billion. Voters will be asked to approve a new RTD sales tax of 4 cents on every \$10 taxable sales purchase – this tax will not apply to groceries, prescription drugs, gasoline, home heating and electric costs.

FasTracks has been endorsed by dozens of organizations including the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Environmental Coalition and the League of Women Voters. FasTracks is a good investment for businesses, residents, and the entire region. For more information visit [www.fastracks.org](http://www.fastracks.org) or call 303/571-5500.

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