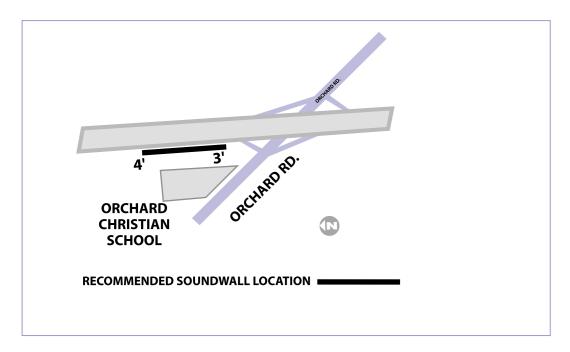
### Noise After Construction

The T-REX Project will be constructing permanent noise walls in the T-REX corridor. Essentially, where there are residences/schools adjacent to the highway, there will be noise walls. These noise walls are designed to be most effective for the first and second rows of homes adjacent to the corridor. The noise walls will be built on T-REX right of way adjacent to I-25 and I-225. Some noise walls, such as those on the west side of I-25 north of Orchard, will be built on top of retaining walls, adding to the overall height of the walls in front of adjacent properties. The walls in T-REX South will be smooth, tan concrete. In T-REX South, most of the properties adjacent to the corridor are businesses, which are not eligible for noise mitigation under federal and state guidelines.



# The art-n-Transit Program

The art-n-Transit Program ... on display soon at Wild Oats Market, 1111 S. Washington and Super Target, 1200 S. Abilene in Aurora.

As part of T-REX, the RTD art-n-Transit program called upon the creative talents of local artists to bring an exciting flair to the Southeast Corridor light rail system.

You're invited to stop by Wild Oats or Super Target and view the T-REX Movement and Light art project. It will bring new elements of style, color, shape and texture to benches, elevator towers, handrails, canopy pillars and more, adding both a functionality and a source of artistic pride to the T-REX communities and light rail passengers.

For more information about station design, the art-n-Transit Program or noise mitigation, please contact the T-REX Project at 303-357-8600 or www.trexproject.com.



# A Trip Through T-REX South: I-25/I-225 Interchange to Lincoln Avenue N E W S L E T T E R

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# T-REX - A Step in the Right Direction

By the end of 2006, in the southeast metro Denver area, light rail transit and highway improvements will make travel easier.

The Transportation Expansion (T-REX) Project will:

- Add 19 miles of double-track light rail, connecting to the existing system at Broadway in Denver, and extending along the west side of I-25 to Lincoln Avenue in Douglas County and in the median of I-225 from I-25 to Parker Road in Aurora;
- Add one through lane in each direction on I-25 from Logan Street to I-225 (for a total of four lanes in each direction);
- Add two through lanes in each direction on I-25 from I-225 to C-470/E-470 interchange (for a total of five lanes in each direction);
- add one through lane in each direction on I-225 from Parker Road in Aurora to I-25 (for a total of three lanes in each direction); and
- Reconstruct numerous bridges and interchanges, including the I-25/I-225 interchange, and improve drainage and safety along the corridor.

# Light Rail Stations in T-REX South

When the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) existing light rail line is extended southeast from the Broadway Station, residents along the southeast corridor will have quick access to central downtown, lower downtown and the metro area's southwest suburbs.

The southeast light rail line, being built as part of T-REX, includes 13 new light rail stations and 12 park-n-Rides. Stations and park-n-Rides in T-REX South will be constructed at Belleview Avenue, Orchard Road, Arapahoe Road, Dry Creek Road, County Line Road and Lincoln Avenue.

Each of the stations includes elements that provide passengers comfort, safety, wheelchair accessibility and protection from the weather. Light rail station elements in T-REX South include four benches per platform, glass-block elevator towers, where appropriate, and gabled platform canopies. The canopy surface will be metal, with the exception of Belleview, where it will be more translucent, matching the other stations in the city and county of Denver. Each station also will have lockers for bicycles. Closed-circuit television cameras will be provided at key locations at the stations for enhanced security.



### **Belleview Station**

The Belleview Station will be located off South Quebec, just south of Union Avenue. The 59-space park-n-Ride will be adjacent to the station. Pedestrians will be able to access the station via an elevator or stairs from the Union Avenue Bridge, as well as by RTD buses from surrounding neighborhood routes and The Link buses operating in the Denver Tech Center.





### Orchard Station

Like most of the light rail stations in T-REX South, the Orchard Station will be close to a number of office buildings, restaurants and retail establishments. The station will be accessed from Greenwood Plaza Boulevard, south of Orchard and west of I-25.



## Light Rail Stations in T-REX South (continued)



### **Arapahoe Station**

The Arapahoe Station light rail platform will be on the west side of I-25, while the existing park-n-Ride facility will remain east of the interstate. A pedestrian bridge over I-25 will provide riders access to the platform and to the new multi-level parking structure and bus bays. The park-n-Ride structure will accommodate more than 800



vehicles. A new sidewalk west of the light rail platform will lead to the popular Fiddler's Green concert venue. The Arapahoe park-n-Ride will be accessed from Caley and Yosemite, just north of Arapahoe. This is another location being considered for TOD. The project is working with Greenwood Village to facilitate a transit oriented development (TOD) on adjacent land.



### Dry Creek Station

The new Dry Creek Station will be adjacent to the office complex occupied by Charles Schwab. A new park-n-Ride structure that will accommodate 235 vehicles is planned for the site, which will be accessed from Panorama Drive. The parking structure will be shared with the nearby office complex.





### **County Line Station**

Like the Arapahoe Station, the County Line Station will have light rail platforms west of I-25 and a park-n-Ride on the east side of the highway. Again, a pedestrian bridge over I-25 will provide access to the light rail and the parking lot, which will accommodate 386 vehicles.





### Lincoln Station

This end-of-line station will have a multi-level park-n-Ride structure that will accommodate 1,147 vehicles. The Lincoln Station will be accessible from Park Meadows Drive, about a half mile north of Lincoln Avenue.



# RTD/T-REX art-n-Transit Program

In addition to the benefits that six new light rail stations will bring to T-REX South, art will be an important element incorporated as part of RTD's art-n-Transit program. The RTD/T-REX Art Advisory Committee, a volunteer panel formed in late 2001 and composed of neighborhood representatives, local art professionals, RTD and T-REX staff, is working hard to ensure that art is a distinctive component of the T-REX Project. Art will help provide a connection between neighborhoods and transit and add value to the thousands of commuters, tourists and residents who will use the line beginning in late 2006. When selecting art, the committee considers aesthetics in relation to the community's identity and values, the existing architecture, and the artwork's potential for legacy in the Denver region.

Since early 2002, two local Colorado artists have worked to define an overall theme for the station enhancements on the T-REX corridor. Their concept is simple: Movement and Light. Their objective is to place station users in environments surrounded by light, shadow, color and movement in a constantly changing and interactive way. Those themes are depicted by nature, weather and time applied to common station elements such as support pillars, windscreens, elevator towers, railings and concrete. Should funding permit, RTD/T-REX is considering the addition of commissioned, stand-alone art pieces at individual stations along the corridor.

# The following are examples of artwork elements and the themes selected by the RTD/T-REX Art Advisory Committee for each of the T-REX South light rail stations.



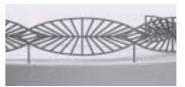
### Belleview - Joining of Two Lines/Book Theme

Bench windscreens – The bench windscreens are six feet tall and 12 feet long. They will protect travelers from the elements and provide a place to rest while waiting for the next train. The designs will vary from station to station. This design depicts books from a nearby library.



### Orchard - Orchard/Apple Theme

Bench windscreens – Like all the windscreens, the one at the Orchard Station will protect passengers from the weather while they wait for the next train. This windscreen design depicts an orchard/apple theme.



### Arapahoe - Feathers/Leaves Theme

Railings – Railings will be used at the high block of the station platform, where the train is wheelchair accessible travelers access the train. The iron railings will be designed with different patterns such as feathers or leaves.



### Dry Creek - Flowing Stream Theme

This windscreen depicts a flowing stream, the theme that will carry through all the design elements of the Dry Creek Station.



### County Line - Countryside Theme

The railing for the high block at the County Line Station will reflect a countryside theme.



### Lincoln - Flight/Taking Off Theme

The Lincoln Station, the southernmost station on the Southeast Line, reflects a theme of flight.



### Other Elements

Elevator Towers – Typical elevator towers are made of clear glass, but the enhancements add color panels for a more engaging experience and cut-out designs in the support pillars at Belleview.

Support Pillars – Belleview will have cut-out designs in the support pillars to match the other City and County of Denver stations.