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Trees being delivered at Interlocken Loop

# CREATING A GREENER CORRIDOR

Just as summer is winding down, greener views are on the way – at least on the US 36 Corridor. As crews finish Phase 1, landscaping is one of the final tasks, and you can expect to see a variety of new trees, shrubs, plants and sod being planted project-wide in the upcoming weeks. Landscape architects worked with project staff, local city planners and stakeholders along the corridor to finalize the landscaping details. Because some trees had to be removed for construction, the project's requirement was to replace every single one of them. Fortunately, many of the removed trees were transplanted to different areas of the project, but those that could not be transplanted are being replaced with a variety of 786 different trees and shrubs including 8-foot evergreens, cottonwoods, crabapples and maple trees. In addition, almost 336,000 square feet of sod will be planted on Phase 1. Seeding and decorative mulch will cover more than 225 acres of the project. To further beautify the corridor, a variety of 4,000 annuals and perennials are being planted with 1,600 tons of various landscaping rock being delivered to complete the landscaping details.

# TREES USED ON PROJECT American Plum

**Austrian Pine** 

Big Tooth Maple

Blue Spruce

**Bosnian Pine** 

Bur Oak

Chinkapin Oak

Chokecherry

Common hackberry

Cottonwoods

**Crabapple Spring Snow** 

Deciduous Tree

**Evergreen Tree** 

Peachleaf Willow

Ponderosa Pine

Snowberry

Three Leaf Sumac

# **BOULDER JUNCTION AT DEPOT SQUARE STATION OPENS**

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and City of Boulder celebrated the opening of RTD's Boulder Junction at Depot Square Station with a dedication ceremony and open house on Thursday, Aug. 13. The station is part of the 160-acre Boulder Junction area that is being redeveloped into a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented neighborhood with regional transit connections and public spaces.

The 45,655 square-foot station includes six underground bus bays, a ticket sales and information booth, and

75 parking spaces in the parking garage reserved for RTD patrons. In addition, bike-n-ride passengers will have access to 27 bike racks that hold 54 bikes, and the underground facility will be accessible via a pedestrian breezeway. The facility opened for service on Monday, Aug. 17, serving the HX and S routes. In January 2016, the Flatiron Flyer, RTD FasTracks' new bus rapid transit service, will begin using the facility as an end-of-line station. Connecting Boulder to Denver, the Flatiron Flyer service will provide reliable, comfortable and frequent service to six park-n-rides along US 36, as well as to Union Station and Civic Center Station in Denver. For route and schedule information, visit www.rtd-denver.com or call 303-299-6000. Patrons with hearing or speech impairments can call the TDD information service at 303-299-6089.



Boulder Junction ribbon cutting

### 36 COMMUTING SOLUTIONS WORKPLACE AMBASSADOR NETWORK

Are you interested in actively promoting transportation options within your company? The 36 Commuting Solutions Workplace Ambassador Network (WAN) is a program that provides support to employees who actively encourage their colleagues to use transportation options such as carpooling, transit, bicycling, vanpooling, teleworking or walking. Workplace Ambassadors:

- Work to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips at their company
- Change employees' attitudes about their travel choices
- Inspire employees to use sustainable commute options
- Set realistic goals for the workplace to measure effectiveness



WAN Meeting First Path at Arista

The Workplace Ambassador Network meets quarterly to share information about successful commute programs on a workplace level and upcoming US 36 projects. For more information about the Workplace Ambassador Network, visit www.36commutingsolutions.org. If you're interested in becoming a Workplace Ambassador, email janney@36commutingsolutions.org or call 303-862-6364 to set up a consultation.



# PHASE 2 TELEPHONE TOWN HALL THURSDAY, OCT. 1, 7-8 P.M.

CDOT will host a telephone town hall on Thursday, Oct. 1, 7-8 p.m., to discuss proposed Phase 2 tolling rates and special events toll rates for University of Colorado and Denver Broncos' games. Interested people can call 877-229-8493, and enter PIN 112034 to participate in the telephone town hall.