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Governor Hickenlooper speaking at the Phase 1 grand opening celebration

THE US 36 EXPRESS LANES PHASE 1 GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

The US 36 Express Lanes Phase 1 Grand Opening was an overwhelming success! The celebration took place on June 22, at the 1STBANK Center. Speakers were introduced by a [video montage](#) that showed the different modes of transportation – bus, bike, carpool and toll – which tied the multi-modal theme of the day into the celebration. Speakers included Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Victor Mendez, Gov. John Hickenlooper, U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter, RTD Chairman Chuck Sisk, Broomfield Mayor Randy Ahrens and Westminster Mayor Herb Atchison. They recognized all those involved in bringing this project to fruition, and discussed the reasons why US 36 is such an innovative corridor. A ribbon-cutting signified the official opening of Phase 1 of the US 36 Express Lanes Project.

Following on the heels of the Phase 1 Grand Opening was the Phase 1 bikeway opening, just two days after, to coincide with Bike To Work Day on June 24. The largest section of the bikeway on Phase 1, at 11 miles, is now open from 88th Street in Louisville to Sheridan Boulevard. The final piece from Sheridan to Lowell Boulevard will be completed this month. When Phase 2 is completed in 2016, the entire length of the bikeway will be 18 miles, connecting Denver to Boulder, and to existing trail systems. It’s meant for commuters and not just recreational riders, and features numerous safety improvements including 2-foot wide shoulders and 6-inch concrete for a smooth and comfortable ride. [Click here](#) for an interactive bike map from 36 Commuting Solutions to help you navigate your bike commute.



Bicyclists enjoy the newly opened bikepath



RTD UNVEILS NEW FLATIRON FLYER BUS RAPID TRANSIT VEHICLE

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) unveiled its new Flatiron Flyer bus rapid transit (BRT) vehicle on June 30 at the Broomfield Park-n-Ride, the site of one of the stations for the new bus rapid transit service that launches Jan. 17, 2016, along US 36. The Flatiron Flyer will provide fast and reliable service from Denver to Boulder, with passenger stops at six stations.



The Flatiron Flyer has arrived on the US 36 corridor

The Flatiron Flyer buses, which can carry 57 passengers each, are specially branded with a unique blue-and-sunrise-orange paint scheme designed by RTD and a US 36 corridor stakeholder group. The buses offer amenities that include: 120-volt outlets and USB ports for charging laptops, tablets and smartphones; reclining seats; footrests; overhead reading lights; and individual air vents. In addition, each bus can carry up to eight bicycles. The buses will be delivered this summer and will first operate as part of RTD's regular fleet before the Flatiron Flyer service begins. When fully operational, 59 Flatiron Flyer buses will travel along US 36 and are expected to carry nearly 11,000 passengers daily. By 2035, the ridership is expected to be 20,400.

The Flatiron Flyer will travel on 18 miles of the US 36 Express Lanes being built by the Colorado Department of Transportation. When warranted, Flatiron Flyer buses can drive on the shoulder to avoid traffic delays. Two levels of service will be offered: (1) Express, which will have very few stops between Denver and Boulder; and (2) All-station, which will stop at all six stations. During peak hours and depending on a station's location, riders can expect a bus to arrive every 4-15 minutes.

In addition to the specially branded buses, the Flatiron Flyer service will include upgraded station amenities such as large modern shelters, digital displays and self-service ticket-vending machines.

The Flatiron Flyer BRT service is part of RTD's 2004 voter-approved transit expansion program to build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District.

STILL TIME TO GET YOUR PASS

Have you ordered your pass yet? To ride the US 36 Express Lanes for free, you'll need to create an ExpressToll account and get a pass to carpool with two or more people in your vehicle (three or more by no later than 2017). 36 Commuting Solutions is also giving away \$75 cash incentives to carpool – fill out the application to qualify!

Currently you may use the toll lanes free of charge during testing. Toll collection is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, so it's important to get your pass today! If you have questions regarding paying tolls, opening an ExpressToll account, obtaining a pass or any other ExpressToll related topics, please visit www.expresstoll.com. You can also contact the ExpressToll Service Center directly at 303-537-3470 or email them at customerservice@expresstoll.com.



DUCKLING RESCUE

During an inspection of the recently opened bikeway, it was discovered that ducklings had fallen into a drainage inlet and become trapped. While a distressed mother duck looked on from the sidelines, four members of the project team proceeded with a rescue operation. It took about 30 minutes to gather up all seven of the ducklings and reunite them with their mother. The rescuers were glad they were in the right place at the right time and could help the family get safely on their way.