



DFC NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009

SPOTLIGHT

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR NEW UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009, by President Obama to address the challenges facing us in the current economy. As a result of this legislation, the Denver Federal Center (DFC) will receive approximately 45 million dollars to significantly improve the aged utilities infrastructure and increase the overall readiness of the largest federal complex in the western United States.

Built originally in the early 1940s to support an ammunition manufacturing plant, the DFC operates today as a critical campus for 26 federal agencies and almost 6,000 federal employees. The utility infrastructure on campus was also installed nearly 70 years ago, but continues to serve well beyond the intended design life.

The infrastructure improvements, funded through ARRA, are anticipated to provide reliable utility service to the DFC for at least the next 75 years and will include:

- Total replacement of domestic and fire protection systems with a new single system, new pump house, below-ground water storage reservoir, and new supply lines from an offsite Denver Water conduit.
- Replacement or rehabilitation of approximately six miles of sanitary

sewer system collection lines, manholes, demolition of the inactive gauging station, and new sewer outfall.

- Repair storm drainage along North Avenue and reconstruction of existing roadways, including storm drainage pipe, manholes, storm inlets, pavement replacement and new curb and gutter.
- Flood drainage and site improvements along McIntyre Gulch to include channel restoration, trail channel restoration, soil stabilization, trail improvements, and grade control.
- Replacement or rehabilitation of existing pavement at several locations around the DFC.
- Upgrades to the electrical system to provide redundancies with a new 15-kV electrical loop and an additional Y-feeder, as well as replacement of 15-kV conductors throughout the DFC.



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DFC MASTERPLAN / REDEVELOPMENT

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND THE DFC

Take a walk or drive along the west side of the Denver Federal Center (DFC) and you will see that things are definitely beginning to look and feel quite different. The entire western perimeter fence has been relocated further east to allow for the construction of the new St. Anthony Central Hospital, the Regional Transportation District (RTD) West Corridor light rail line and Federal Center Station, and the new north-south Routt Street connection between Alameda Avenue and North Avenue.

Gates 4 and 5 have also been relocated further east to new locations along North Avenue and Center Avenue respectively. Tenth Street from Center Avenue to the loop road in front of Building 95 will be permanently closed, with new direct parking access provided from the lot east of Building 95 to Center Avenue. In addition, 8th Street from North Avenue to Building 85 and Building 85a will also be permanently closed. Eighth Street will, however, remain open from Center Avenue to the buildings.

GSA recognizes that all of this construction work can be an inconvenience at times and the patience and understanding of all of our DFC tenants and visitors are greatly appreciated. All of this work demonstrates the continued excitement of the redevelopment on the site.

The construction of the new St. Anthony Central Hospital is proceeding at record pace. The main Orthopaedic Specialty Hospital is on target to open the second quarter of 2010, with completion of the full medical campus to follow in late 2011. The hospital and its contractors are also busy completing environmental remediation on the southwest corner of the center, just north of Alameda Avenue. This work is being done under the direction of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and GSA, and is necessary for official environmental clearance and title transfer of this parcel. Additional information on the new hospital project can be found at www.stanthonycentral.org.

We will also begin to see major activity on the northwest side of the DFC as RTD and its numerous contractors begin the construction of the light rail line across 6th Avenue, looping into the Federal Center and out to the Union/Simms intersection. Our Federal Center Station will be one of several along RTD's West Corridor light rail line from downtown Union Station west to the Jefferson County Office Complex. One of the most exciting developments on our site will be the construction and erection of the "Tied-Arch Basket Handle Bridge" to accommodate the light rail line spanning 6th Avenue. This highly complex, single span structure will be completely constructed on the Federal Center over the next six to eight months, then sometime this winter it will literally be "launched" across 6th Avenue in one weekend. It will be quite an engineering marvel that will capture extensive media and scientific attention!

In addition to the rail line, work will also begin to relocate the Cold Spring park n' ride bus facility to the new location along Center Avenue in time for the hospital opening in 2010, and the preparation of the site for the future light rail station. Additional information on RTD's West Corridor project can be found at www.rtd-fastracks.com.

Finally, since completion of the new Federal Center Master Site Plan and Environmental Impact Statement close to 18 months ago, GSA continues the ground work for implementation of the 20+ year redevelopment plan for the site. Close coordination with the City of Lakewood, RTD, and the hospital will continue to ensure long-term compatibility of all on-going projects, and to explore future partnering opportunities on the site. As further redevelopment efforts move forward on the DFC, GSA will notify and work with tenant agency representatives. For additional information on the Federal Center redevelopment efforts, please contact Lisa Wild, GSA Senior Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 ext. 5039 or lisa.wild@gsa.gov.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE DFC?

NEW CONSTRUCTION ON THE DFC

A small mail-handling facility is being built by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adjacent to Building 25. Having a separate facility for the mail will allow for increased security to EPA's employees. The construction of the new facility has been negotiated to the point of award and GSA is now waiting for funding. Once funding is received, GSA will issue a notice to proceed and construction can begin. From start to finish, the construction is scheduled to take approximately 12 months. For project information, please

contact Mike Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 ext. 5049 or at mike.alley@gsa.gov.



ATM SERVICES ARRIVING AT BUILDING 41

Foothills Credit Union (FCU) is becoming even more convenient for all Denver Federal Center members. Not only do they have a branch on-site in Building 41 open five days a week, but they are also adding a new ATM. This Building 41 ATM will dispense cash *and* accept deposits. No surcharges will be added for FCU members. It will allow you to deposit checks even after normal business hours. FCU is aiming to have this installed by the end of August.

Additionally, take part in FCU's Member Appreciation Event July 31 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The event will be held at FCU's main office located at 7990 W. Alameda Avenue. Free food, fun and prizes will be available. For more information, please contact Matthew Logan, Marketing Director for Foothills Credit Union, at 720.962.8200 ext. 113 or matthewl@foothills-cu.com.

The logo for Foothills Credit Union. The word "Foothills" is written in a large, green, cursive-style font. Below it, there are three wavy lines in green and orange. To the right of these lines, the words "Credit Union" are written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE DFC?

NEW SMOKING POLICY IN GSA-OWNED AND LEASED SPACE



Recent changes have taken place to the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) related to the smoking of tobacco products in GSA-leased and owned space. GSA is now required to establish a smoke-free environment for federal and contract employees as well as building visitors. Because of the amendments, GSA worked with the employee unions and completed negotiations before June 19, 2009.

A summary of specific changes to the FMR (Subpart B of part 102-74–Facility Management) are as follows:

- Smoking is prohibited in all interior space owned, rented, or leased by the executive branch of the federal government.
- Effective June 19, 2009, all designated interior smoking rooms will be closed.
- Agency heads and the Federal Chief Judge (Judicial Branch only) may establish "limited and narrow exceptions" to the smoking policy to accommodate requirements essential to the agency mission.
- GSA building managers are responsible for furnishing and installing suitable, uniform signs regarding smoking restrictions.
- Agency heads are responsible for monitoring, controlling and identifying through signage those areas designated as exceptions to the smoking restrictions.
- Agencies must meet their obligations under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Act prior to implementing these revisions.
- Federal smoking policy applies in federally owned facilities; state or local law applies to privately owned facilities and federally leased space if the state or local restrictions are more stringent than the federal policy.

Effective June 19, 2009, smoking is prohibited in courtyards and within 25 feet of doorways and air intake ducts on outdoor space. To clarify, a courtyard is an area wholly or partially surrounded by walls or buildings. Courtyards do not extend to terraces (i.e., unroofed paved areas, roofed balconies, or verandas) or plazas (i.e., open areas, usually located near urban buildings that often feature walkways, trees and shrubs, seating, and sometimes shops).

Executive agencies are encouraged to establish programs to help employees stop smoking. Additional policy information can be found in GSA Order, "Smoking in GSA-occupied space and Government-owned or leased vehicles assigned to GSA" (ADM 5800.1B, August 16, 1999).

DAYCARE CENTER GETTING A NEW FLOOR



If you recall from previous newsletters, the Daycare Center was having problems with its floor settling and moving away from the foundation. Unsuccessful attempts were made to correct the problem in an effort to avoid major disruptions. Ultimately, GSA determined to replace the floor in order to correct the problem. Construction for this started on May 25. New concrete is scheduled to be poured the week of July 27, and the project is scheduled to be complete by August 15. For project information, please contact Mike Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 ext. 5049 or at mike.alley@gsa.gov.

THE SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENT MEETING PROFESSIONALS (SGMP)

All federal and state planners are invited to attend one of SGMP's monthly networking events free of charge. For more information about SGMP, contact Kimberly Pease, Rocky Mountain Chapter President, at 720.963.3444 or kimberly.pease@fhwa.dot.gov.

Upcoming Events Schedule

August 25, 2009

Green Meeting Initiatives
Lowes Hotel

September 9, 2009

TBA
DoubleTree Denver North

October 9 - October 11, 2009

Fall Education Conference
Colorado Springs

November 17, 2009

Technology Trends
Radisson Longmont

December 8, 2009

Holiday Event
Hampton Denver West



The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) is a nonprofit professional organization of persons involved in planning government meetings and those individuals who supply services to government planners. SGMP provides educational programs, conferences and networking opportunities.

WELCOME TO THE DFC

GSA welcomes the following tenants on to the Denver Federal Center:

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Human Resource Center is scheduled to move into Building 53 sometime this fall.
- The General Administration Services Federal Acquisition Service is expanding into Building 53 at the end of July.
- The Small Business Administration Office of the Inspector General is scheduled to move into Building 20 at the end of July.
- Volunteers for the Combined Federal Campaign are out leasing office space in Building 45 starting in August.



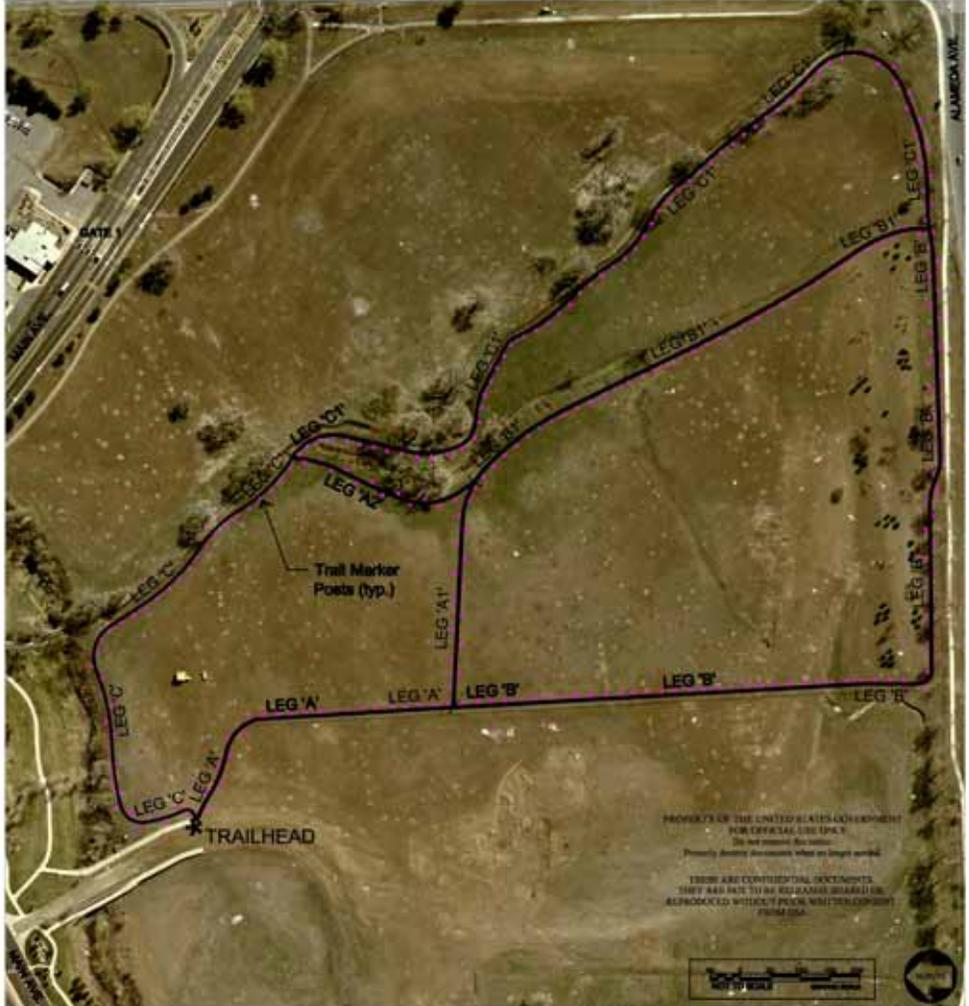
NEW NATURE TRAIL AT THE DFC

GSA created a nature trail in the southeast corner of the DFC. The trailhead is south of the intersection of Main Avenue and Fifth Street. The trail is open to foot traffic and bicyclists.

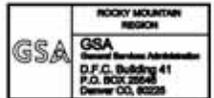
There are multiple legs to the trail, designated with trail marker posts. All trail users are asked to stay within the delineated trail boundaries and refrain from littering.

Please be respectful of the various wildlife species that inhabit the area and observe them from a distance; never approach, feed or follow the wildlife. All trail traffic should be mindful of the uneven terrain, including prairie dog holes.

For questions, please contact Mark Baca at 303.236.8000 ext. 5282 or mark.baca@gsa.gov or Margaret Daulton at 303.236.8000 ext. 5240 or margaret.daulton@gsa.gov.



LEG 'A' : 560 ft.	EXAMPLE OF COMBINED LEG DISTANCES :
LEG 'A1' : 400 ft.	LEGS A, A1, A2 & C: 2,240 ft. (.42 miles)
LEG 'A2' : 345 ft.	LEGS A, B, B1, A1 & A: 4,080 ft. (.77 miles)
LEG 'B' : 1,635 ft.	LEGS A, B, B1, A2 & C: 4,400 ft. (.83 miles)
LEG 'B1' : 925 ft.	LEGS A, B, C1 & C: 4,820 ft. (.91 miles)
LEG 'C' : 935 ft.	LEGS A, B, C1, A2, A1 & A: 5,190 ft. (.98 miles)
LEG 'C1' : 1,690 ft.	



<p>TRAIL RULES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There are multiple legs to the trail, delineated with trail marker posts every 25 feet. It is imperative that all trail users stay within the designated trail boundaries. In areas where there is already a natural boundary, the posts are on one side of the trail only (e.g.: the fence that runs north/south and the 2 ditches). In all other areas, the posts are staggered to identify the trail boundaries. 2) Dispose of waste properly. Be sure to pack out everything you bring in (no littering please). 3) Various wildlife species inhabit the area. Please respect wildlife and observe from a distance: never approach, feed or follow the wildlife. If necessary, carry binoculars or a telephoto lens to view and photograph wildlife from a safe distance. Known species in the area are coyotes, prairie dogs, hawks and various song birds. 4) The trail is open to foot traffic and bicyclists. Bicyclists should yield to all foot traffic. Bicyclists traveling downhill should yield to bicyclists headed uphill. Bicyclists should always pass on the left and announce in an audible voice "on your left" when passing people on foot or another bicyclist. Strive to make each pass a safe and courteous one. 5) All trail traffic should be mindful of the uneven terrain, including multiple prairie dog holes, found throughout the nature trail and to always be cautious when using the trail.

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Construction for these improvements will begin at the DFC in July of 2009 and will be completed by 2012. For anyone accessing the center during this timeframe, detours and minor inconveniences should be expected. Please refer to the project website www.DFC-utility.com, soon to launch, for the most recent construction updates.

If there are any questions or concerns about this project, you may contact the following people:

- David Hopkins, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 ext. 2262 or DavidR.Hopkins@gsa.gov
- Kristi Leinen, DFC Senior Property Manager, at 303.236.8000 ext. 5041 or Kristi.Leinen@gsa.gov
- Mark Baca, Property Manager, at 303.236.8000 ext. 5282 or Mark.Baca@gsa.gov

If you want to provide any feedback or share concerns around this project, please go to www.DFC-utilities.com/feedback, the site will be functioning soon.

AGENCY ARTICLES

WELCOME NEW TEAM 3 COMMUNITY BUSINESS CENTER MANAGER TO THE DFC



If you drive south on U.S. 85 toward Castle Rock, you'll discover a historic crossroads community and the hometown of Patrick Haze, GSA Property Manager.

Through the years, Sedalia, Colo., has managed to keep many of its quaint, small-town qualities. And as Patrick will attest, "It's the perfect place for a kid to grow up." As a boy, he had access to horses, creeks and mountains. What more could a young boy ask for?

Patrick took his first job at the age of 14 as a busboy at the Castle Pines Golf Club, known for hosting 21 years of the International Golf Tournament events. After a few years as a busboy, he transitioned into working in their security department. One of the fun aspects of that job was having the opportunity to chauffeur the VIP golfers for the International Golf Tournament.

The security aspect of his job at the golf course remained with Patrick when he began his career at GSA. He was hired as a Federal Protective Officer with the Federal Protective Service (FPS) in 1989. He spent six years with FPS before taking a job as a Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) Clerk at GSA in the Denver downtown field office. Over the course of the next seven years, Patrick held various jobs in the downtown field office. Today, he is a Community Business Center Manager for Team 3 at the Denver Federal Center.

Family is important to Patrick, and he appreciates that working at GSA has afforded him a work-life balance so his wife has the ability to stay home to raise their children. When asked what he does in his free time, Patrick says he's always busy taking nine-year-old Jake and seven-year-old Heidi to various sporting activities and hip-hop dance classes. And yes, Patrick has admitted to trying a few hip-hop dance moves himself.

USGS NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER GETS A FACE LIFT



Building 53 may be one of the original structures on the Denver Federal Center campus, but changes are definitely happening on the second floor at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Training Center (NTC). Dianne Jeffries, Chief of the Office of Organizational and Employee Development (OED), gave the green light to upgrade the highly used training facility, which recently reached a 40-year milestone. GSA modernized all classrooms and meeting rooms to improve the learning environment. Besides the usual fresh paint and carpet, the most noticeable improvements are large plasma screens in each classroom and meeting room. These high definition screens provide a crisp image that is much easier to see than a projected image. Our break room, known as the Solar Room, also received a makeover worthy of a home improvement show. Not only does it offer a relaxing place to enjoy a quick snack between class sessions, but it also allows you to get online and connect with the office. Caffeine drinkers beware, proper lighting strategies have been proven to help increase alertness and help stay focused during long classes or meetings! Taking advantage of this strategy, USGS had full-spectrum lighting installed in all its classrooms.

The National Training Center is available to all federal agencies for well supported classes, meetings and conferences. You can choose from seven technology enabled rooms, several of which are dedicated computer classrooms. OED is also developing a video streaming classroom, designed to present live courses via the Internet, planned for fall, 2009.

Contact NTC Support Team Lead Gloria Armstrong to find out how the NTC can meet your event needs with an extensive range of learning support services at 303.445.4676 or gjarmstr@usgs.gov. Check out room details at <http://training.usgs.gov> and click on "National Training Center".



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