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## ALLARD ANNOUNCES RTD RECEIVES \$2.9 GRANT FOR SOUTHEAST LIGHT RAIL CORRIDOR SECRETARY OF COMMERCE GIVES GO AHEAD TO PROJECT

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced today that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded the Regional Transportation District (RTD) a Capital Investment grant of \$2.9 million for the Southeast light rail project. The \$2,971,930 grant will provide funds for Right-Of-Way for the light rail project. Allard, who in 1997 was successful in gaining Congressional authorization for the Southeast rail project, was informed of the award personally by Secretary of Commerce Norm Minetta.

“This is an exciting day for those of us who have been strong proponents of the Southeast light rail project,” Allard said. “This grant allows RTD to move forward with this important transportation project for the residents of the Denver metro area.”

The Southeast Light Rail Corridor project is a 19 mile, 14 station light rail line in Denver. The Southeast Rail line will operate over an exclusive right of way and connect with the existing Central Corridor and Southwest rail lines and the Central Platte Valley line which is scheduled to open this year. The project is due to be completed in June 2008.

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