

### American Concrete Pipe Association Announces Concrete Pipe Week

After flooding and wildfires increased scrutiny of materials used in the state's roadway systems, Rinker Materials - Concrete Pipe Division hosted a concrete pipe plant tour with Governor Hickenlooper along with national, state and local elected officials at its plant in Littleton, CO addressing critical safety, quality, and budgetary concerns.

Presentations at the ACPA-organized event covered the importance of the FAST ACT policy for culvert pipe selection; risk assessment factors surrounding drainage product specification, including flammability, resilience to flooding, road use and service life; and, the importance of choosing durable infrastructure that saves Colorado taxpayers in the long run.

"The goal was to educate key decision-makers about the importance of selecting high-quality, resilient, long-lasting pipe products for use under highways," notes ACPA Director of Engineering Services Kim Spahn. "We likewise wanted to emphasize the good news that the best products for the job are made right here in Colorado, not just by Rinker Materials, but also Boughton Precast, Oldcastle Precast, Precast Concepts, and supplied raw materials by our sponsor, Holcim Cement" she adds.

The October gathering featured open dialog on 1). The need for Colorado Department of Transportation, per FAST ACT language, to empower engineers on a project-by-project basis to choose pipe materials based on their professional judgment and site specifics versus mandating materials through legislation; and, 2) Empowering engineers to make sound engineering decisions based on risk assessments in extreme weather events all too familiar in Colorado.



Established in 1907, the American Concrete Pipe Association (ACPA) serves as the voice of the concrete pipe industry. The ACPA is a nonprofit organization comprised of manufacturers of concrete pipe and box culverts, manufacturers of equipment and providers of products and services related to the concrete pipe industry. Member companies are located throughout the United States, Canada and more than 40 foreign countries.

The Association provides its members with a wide range of research, technical and marketing support to promote and advance the use of concrete pipe for drainage and pollution control applications.

### RTD Celebrates National Drive Electric Week

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) marked National Drive Electric Week (Sept. 10-18, 2016) with the installation of new electric vehicle technology. Last July, RTD opened two electric vehicle charging stations to the public at the Central Park Station Park-n-Ride. In August, RTD acquired two sedan electric vehicles for its fleet use, and is in the process of installing two electric vehicle charging stations for fleet use at one of its maintenance facilities.

The two electric vehicle charging stations at the Central Park Station Park-n-Ride save between 350 pounds and 500 pounds of greenhouse gases on a monthly basis. This installation will assess the viability of future locations for electric vehicle charging stations throughout the District.

The acquisition of the equipment and the vehicles was made possible by a grant provided by the Regional Air Quality Council, the lead air quality planning agency for the Denver metro area and the Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone Non-Attainment Area, and funds from the FasTracks program and local expenditures.

RTD looks forward to continuing its efforts to provide a safe, clean, reliable, courteous, accessible and cost-effective service throughout the District.

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