

Decision No. C19-0535

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19I-0347R

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN REGARDING THE SABLE BOULEVARD AND EXPOSITION AVENUE DERAILEMENT, RULE 4 CCR 723-7-7347.

**COMMISSION DECISION OPENING
INVESTIGATION AND REQUIRING
FILING OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Mailed Date: June 19, 2019

Adopted Date: June 19, 2019

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On January 28, 2019, a Regional Transportation District (RTD) light-rail vehicle derailed at the intersection/crossing of Sable Boulevard and Exposition Avenue in the City of Aurora resulting in the injuries to five passengers, one of which resulted in the partial amputation of a passenger's leg.

2. RTD's preliminary investigation of this incident indicates that speed and human factors were the most probable cause for the event. Further joint investigation by RTD Safety Staff and Staff of the Public Utilities Commission found additional factors that could be additional contributory factors to the accident including: 1) Initial operator training including alignment specific training; 2) Inclement weather operations including Standard Operating Procedures; and 3) Retraining of operators following extended absences. RTD has developed a hazard analysis and draft Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for this accident.

3. Pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations 723-7-7347* of the Commission's Rules Regulating Railroads, Rail Fixed Guideways, Transportation by Rail, and Rail Crossings, we are opening this investigation proceeding.

4. RTD is required to file the CAP it has developed and associated hazard analysis in this investigation proceeding within 30 days of this Decision for Commission review and approval.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. An investigatory proceeding is opened to review and approve the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) hazard analysis and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Nine Mile Station derailment.

2. RTD shall file its CAP and hazard analysis in this investigation proceeding within 30 days of this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 19, 2019.**

(S E A L)



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY



Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

JEFFREY P. ACKERMANN

FRANCES A. KONCILJA

JOHN GAVAN

Commissioners