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Agenda

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| 6:00pm | Doors Open |
| 6:30pm | Meeting Start |
| 6:32pm | The News |
| 6:50pm | Events |
| 7:15pm | CO State Legislature Transit Related Bills |
| 7:45pm | Alejandra Castañeda Pedestrian Dignity |
| 8:15pm | Transit Adventure |

Monthly Meeting

February 20th, 2025



The News

RTD FF5 Bus Crashes on US 36



RTD bus slides off icy SB US 36 on-ramp at Sheridan Blvd

6 passengers and operator uninjured

A reminder that the operators do a difficult job in winter

Federal Government Update



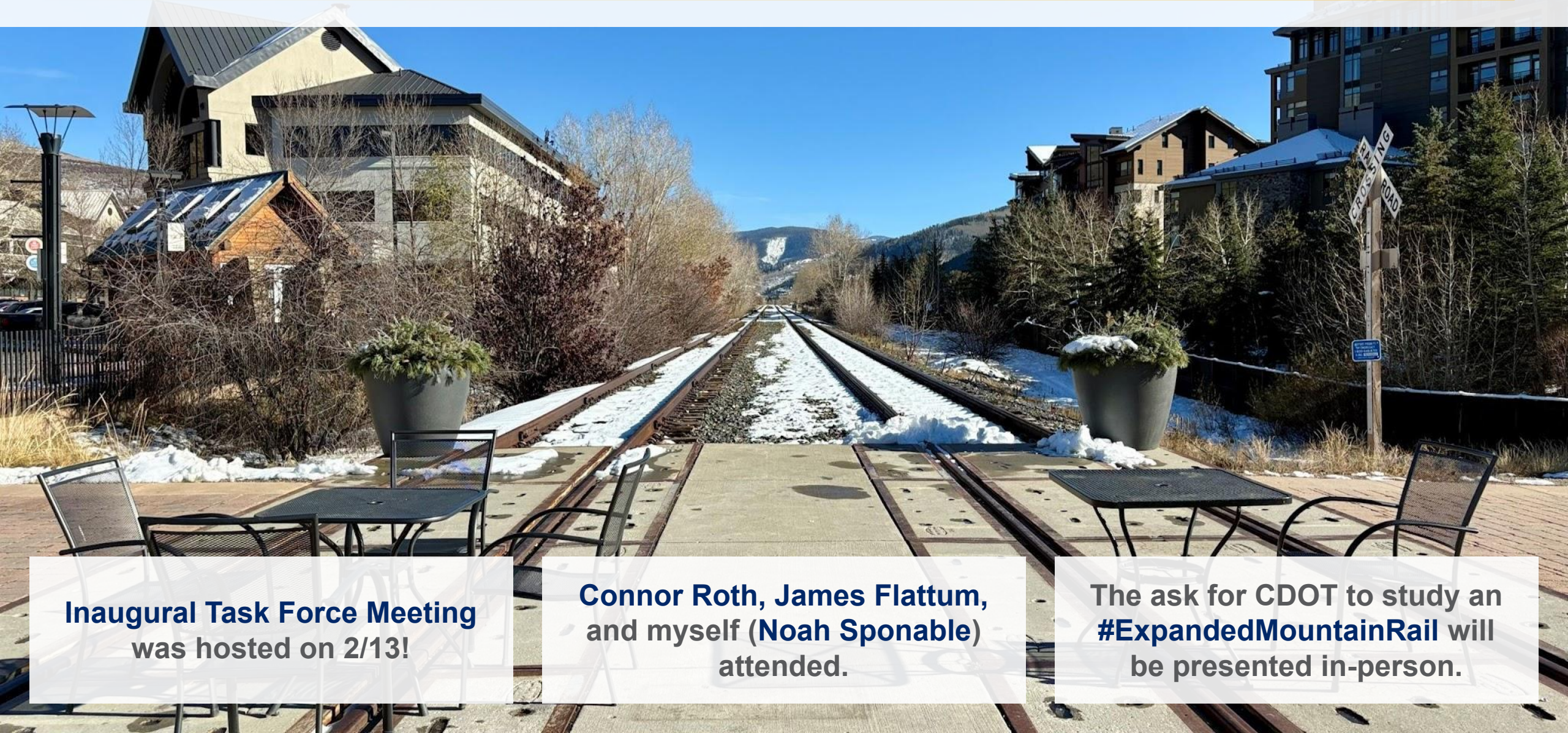
75,000 Federal employees from a workforce of 2.3M took the buyout offer

FRA and FTA have so far escaped the attention of DOGE

IIJA (BIL) and IRA funds frozen, infrastructure projects could be impacted



Western Rail Coalition Update



Inaugural Task Force Meeting
was hosted on 2/13!

Connor Roth, James Flattum,
and myself (Noah Sponable)
attended.

The ask for CDOT to study an
#ExpandedMountainRail will
be presented in-person.



May 2025 Proposed Service Changes



| Station | Gate | Time | Station | Gate | Time | Station | Gate | Time |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Lakewood Commons | Gate B5 | 07:03 AM | 106th & Melody | Wewatta St & 17th St | 07:16 AM | Civic Center Station | Wewatta St & 17th St | 07:32 AM |
| Bross & Bth | Gate B18 | 07:03 AM | Colfax & Billings | Gate B6 | 07:19 AM | Billings via E Colfax Ave | Gate B8 | 07:32 AM |
| Englewood Station | Gate B7 | 07:05 AM | Englewood Station | Gate B7 | 07:20 AM | 9th Clermont via 12th Ave | Gate B9 | 07:34 AM |

Body Shop Techs
 \$30.26/Hour
 \$4K Signing Bonus
 Apply at rtd-denver.com

Free MetroRide
 Peak only 10 min. frequency

N Line
 New 11:26pm Fridays only trip

NB1 / 2 (Boulder - Nederland)
 Eldora ski service ends

P (Parker - Denver)
 Renamed to "PD"

Route 16 (West Colfax Ave)
 10 min weekday frequency

Route 19 (North Pecos St)
 Serves Pecos Jct. Station

Route 44 (44th Ave)
 Additional am and pm trips

Route 73 (Quebec St)
 15 min weekday frequency

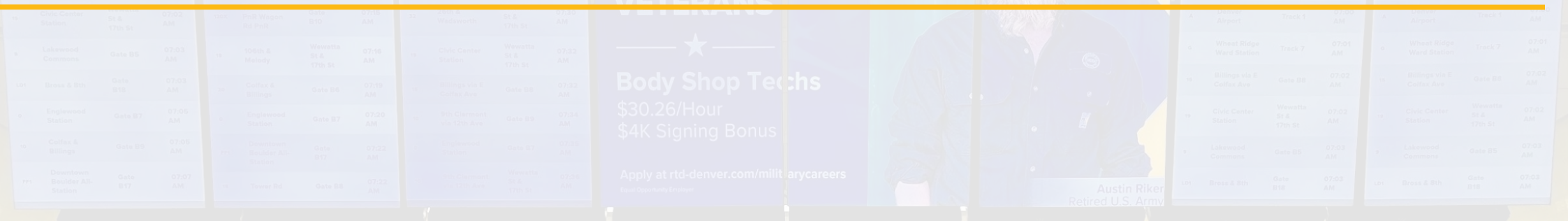
Route 153 (Chambers Rd)
 15 min weekday frequency

Routes 225, 225D, 228A and DASH
 Route changes

Lines D, E, H, R, N, W and Routes 1, 9, 11, 12, 20, 24, 28, 42, 45, 65, 66, 93L, 121, 169L, 483, BOLT, JUMP, SKIP
 "Minor schedule adjustments", school tripper service ends



Service Changes Feedback Process



English

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback on the proposed service changes. Customer, stakeholder, and community feedback about the proposed service changes will be collected until March 6. All feedback will be shared with RTD's Board of Directors. If approved, the changes will take effect on May 25, 2025.

New RTD process takes feedback on specific lines via online survey

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| Service Change Comment Log | | | | |
| How did you hear about the changes? Email | | | | |
| Service Change | Route | Zip Code | Impact | Notes |
| Not yet submitted | 16 | 80215 | Very positive | Weekday daytime frequency increase to 10 minutes is welcome. |
| Jan-25 | 24 | 80205 | Very negative | Route 24 buses should start from 40th & Colorado Station 3 minutes after the arrival of eastbound A Line trains and 4 minutes after the arrival of westbound A Line trains. Suggested time: xx:12 past the hour. |
| Not yet submitted | 40 | 80205 | Very negative | Route 40 buses should start from 40th & Colorado Station 3 minutes after the arrival of eastbound A Line trains and 4 minutes after the arrival of westbound A Line trains. Suggested times: xx:12, xx:27, xx:42 and xx:57 past the hour. |
| Not yet submitted | 43 | 80207 | Very positive | Please keep the current xx:25 and xx:55 departure times from Central Park Station that are 6 minutes after the arrival of eastbound A Line trains. |
| Jan-25 | 45 | 80010 | Very positive | Please keep the current xx:20 and xx:50 departure times from Peoria Station that are 4 minutes after the arrival of both westbound and eastbound A Line trains. Please adjust the times of northbound route |

GDT Service Change Comment Log tracks comments submitted - we re-submit comments if RTD does not address them



Deadline is Thu Mar 6th for comments (and letters) to be submitted

Transit Oriented Movies!



Loren Hansen of Colorado History Rides organized a transit oriented movie night last month!

Robert Egger's **Nosferatu (2024)** at the **Sie FilmCenter** on Colfax

Mediterranean food at **Yahya's** on Colfax before and drinks at **Hell or High Water Tiki Bar** after

Transit Oriented Board Games



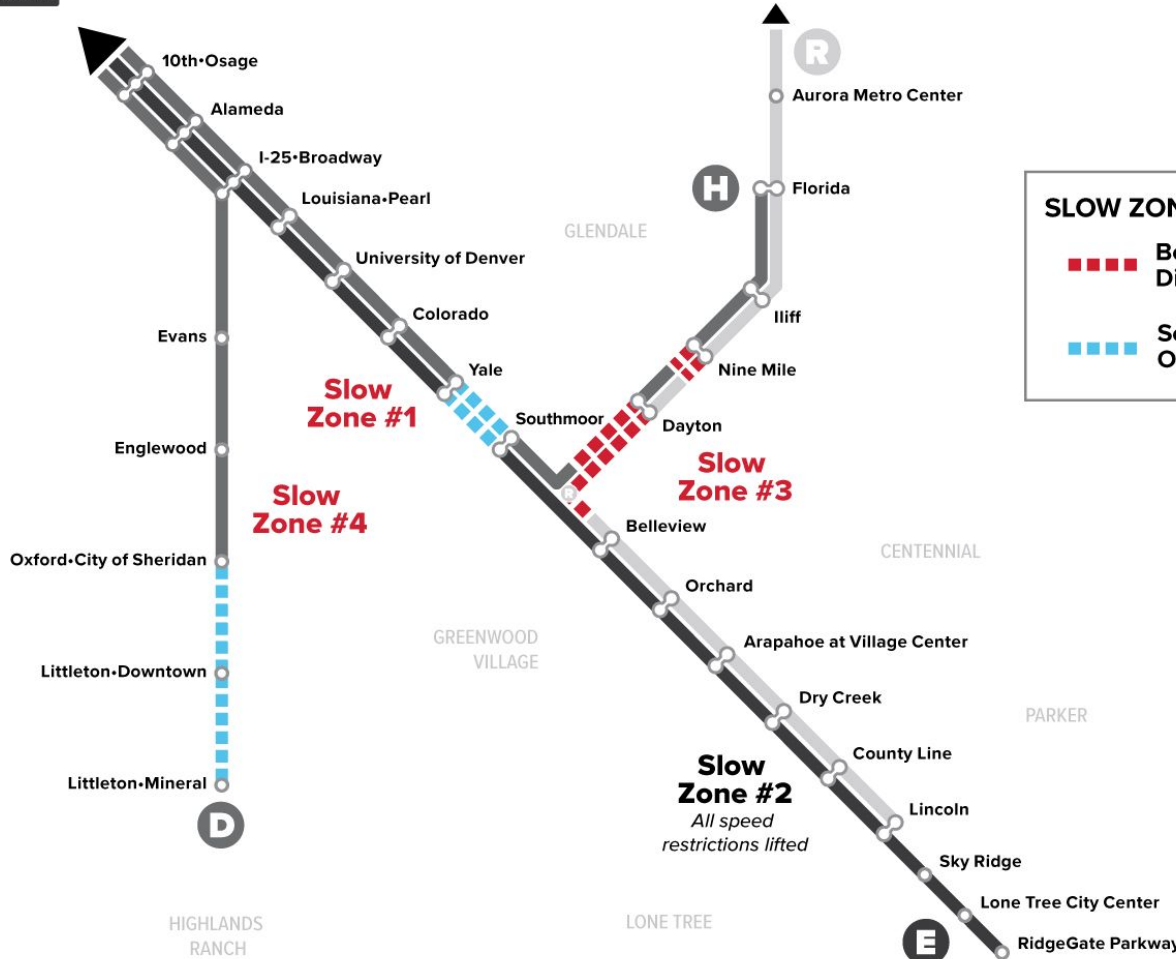
GDT hosted our second
Transit Oriented Board
Games

Event was generously hosted
by **Wizard's Chest** on
Broadway for no charge

More to come soon!



Feb 14th - Light Rail Slow Zones



SLOW ZONE LEGEND

- Both Directions
- Southbound Only

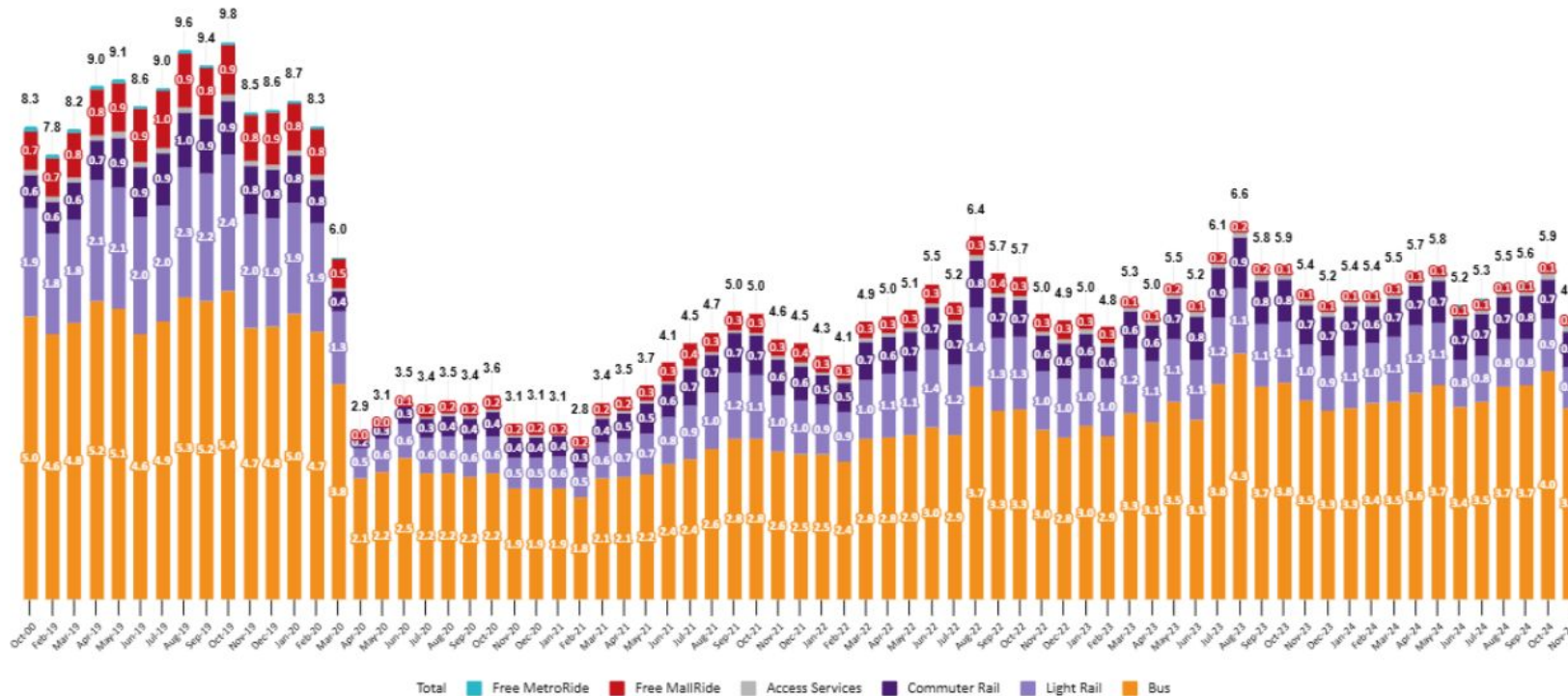
GDT continues to chronicle RTD's 2024 (going on 2025!) Light Rail Crisis on the website



Ridership Analysis - Nov. 2024



RTD Ridership by Mode (millions of boardings)



YoY % Growth*

Bus +5%

Light Rail -21%

Heavy Rail -1%

Total 0%

* Growth rates adjusted for equalized work week days on a year-over-year basis

November 2019
8.5m riders

November 2020
3.1m riders

November 2024
4.9m riders

RTD Operator Shortage - Nov. 2024



YoY Net Increase in Hiring*

Bus +114

Light Rail +22

Total +136

*YoY Increase (decrease) includes Full Time + Part Time operators presented net of attrition (voluntary & involuntary)

Bus

27 Vacancies

925 vs. 952 Budget

Light Rail

22 Vacancies

180 vs. 202 Budget

Bus & Light Rail

49 Vacancies

1,105 vs. 1,154 Budget

Japan's Shinkansen - 3 Takeaways



Japan's Shinkansen ("New Trunk Line") is the original high-speed rail engineering marvel.



Elevate infrastructure to reduce utility and infrastructure conflicts



Simple station designs - no "Taj Mahals"!



Run a mixture of "fast" and "slow" trains, smaller stations have high-speed thru tracks

Japan's Shinkansen - 3 Great Things



While the Shinkansen network is mostly dedicated to moving large amounts people quickly and efficiently, it's not all serious....



Wayfinding is generally excellent with plenty of confirmation and reassurance



Hello Kitty and Disney themed trains run with highly customized interiors



Newer bullet trains feature the latest Japanese electronic toilets!



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FlexRide

**LIGHT RAIL
BUS BRIDGE
SHUTTLE
STOP**
USE THIS STOP WHEN
LIGHT RAIL IS TEMPORARILY
OUT OF SERVICE.
CALL 303.359.8000
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Events

Allied Universal Security Contract



RTD Board is tasked with approving a Scope of Work for next Allied Universal security contract, which runs for 3 years from July 1st 2025

Scope of Work has no targets for security to be actually present on buses, trains or at specific locations

No provision for security or other staff to collect fares on-board. What will happen when Colfax BRT starts?



Board of Directors Meeting



**Next board meeting
5:30pm Tue Feb 25th
1660 Blake St, Denver**

**Please come and give
in-person public comment
Meet outside at 5:15pm**

**Need accounts of safety /
security experiences
on-board RTD buses & trains**



New and Improved Winter Park Express!



Train runs
5 days a week (Thu - Mon)
until Mon Mar 31st

GDT hosts will be on-board:
Sun Feb 23rd
Sun Mar 2nd
Sun Mar 16th
Sun Mar 30th

GDT WPE Transit Adventure
7am Sunday March 2nd
Round Trip Tickets \$80

You don't have to ski!



Monthly Meetings

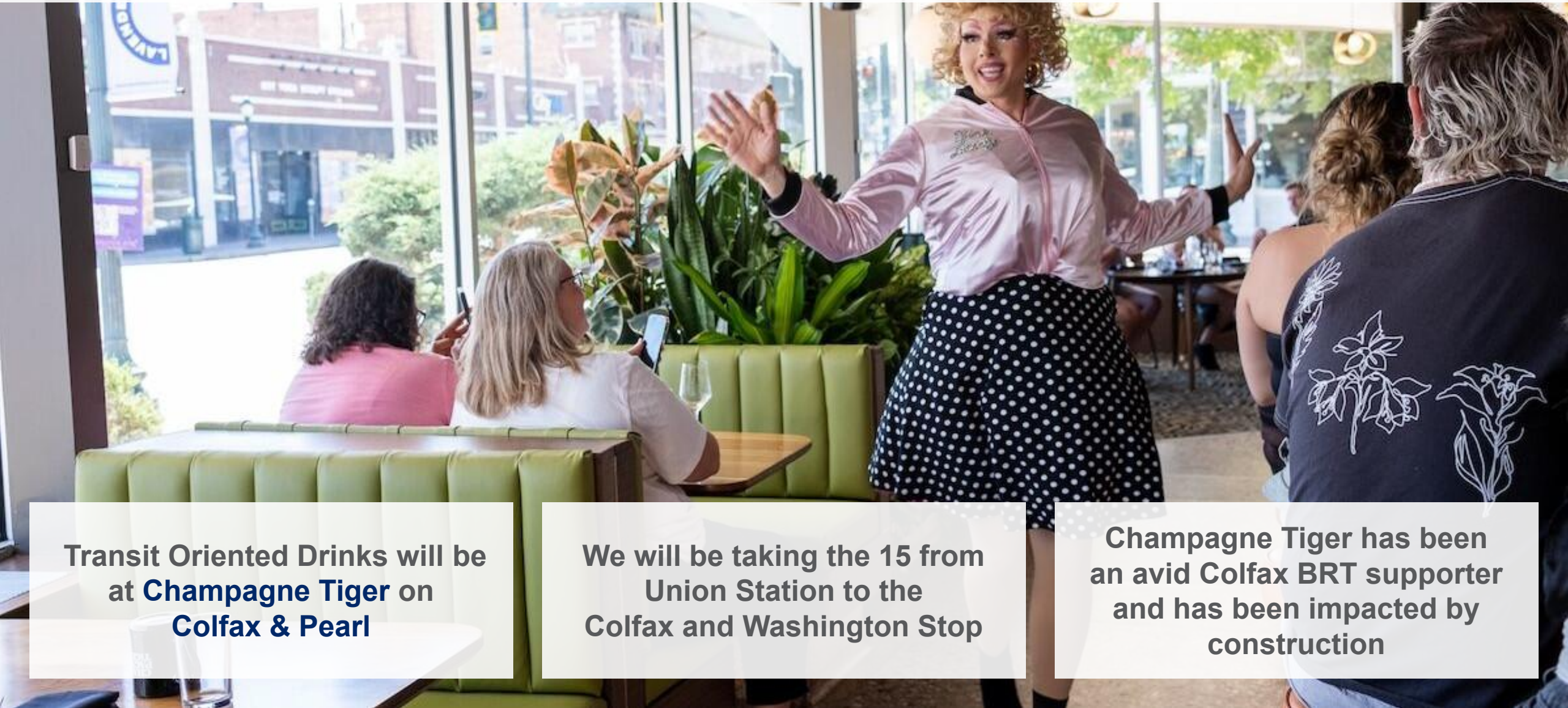


**6pm on 3rd Thursday
of the month**

**Transit-Oriented Drinks (ToD)
follow after!**

**Next meeting
6pm Thu Mar 20th**

Transit Oriented Drinks (ToD)



Transit Oriented Drinks will be
at **Champagne Tiger** on
Colfax & Pearl

We will be taking the 15 from
Union Station to the
Colfax and Washington Stop

Champagne Tiger has been
an avid Colfax BRT supporter
and has been impacted by
construction

More Meetings...



**FRONT RANGE
PASSENGER RAIL**

Front Range Passenger Rail
Board of Directors Meeting
9am Fri Feb 28th



INC Transportation
Committee Meeting
6pm Thu Mar 13th

**DENVER
CITY COUNCIL**



Register for 30 minute public
comment session
5pm Every Monday

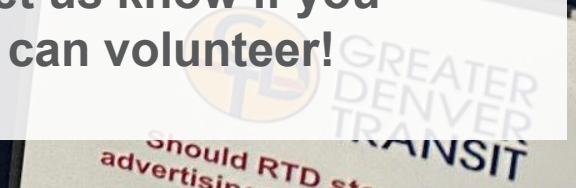
GDT at the Rocky Mountain Train Show



National Western Complex
Sat April 5th 9am-5pm
Sun April 6th 9am-4pm

150,000 square feet of train nerdiness, estimated attendance of 12,000

Let us know if you can volunteer!





Domino's



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GDT Members
Suggested Donation
\$3 / Slice



2025 Colorado State Legislature

Transit Related Bills

HB25-1007 Paratransit Services



Requires paratransit providers to:

- Establish, in coordination with local public entities providing emergency services, a plan to communicate information and provide paratransit services during emergencies
- Ensure that fare collection technology for paratransit services is comparable to that offered for regular or fixed route services
- Before reducing the service area for paratransit services, to consult with affected community members and conduct an impact analysis

Creates a 16 member paratransit task force in CDOT. The purpose of the task force is to study and make recommendations regarding the standardization of and best practices for paratransit services in the state.

Current Status
INTRODUCED IN HOUSE



GDT proposed position
SUPPORT

Do we have a motion?

HB25-1044 Vulnerable Road User Protection



Authorizes a county, city and county, municipality or a TABOR exempt enterprise to generate **additional fee-based funding for local transportation system strategies that improve safety for vulnerable road users.**

- **Additional local motor vehicle registration fees**
- **Fees based on the weight of a passenger car or light truck, and fuel-efficiency**
- **Fee revenue to be expended only for vulnerable road user protection strategies, which include infrastructure projects, including active transportation network projects and local transit improvements and enhancements**
- **Authorizes and encourages local governments to consider equity to meet the needs of all community members through the provision of equitable levels of access to affordable and reliable transportation options**
- **Fees collected by CO Dept. of Revenue and distributed to local government**

Current Status
POSTPONED BY HOUSE

N/A

GDT proposed position
NOT APPLICABLE

SB25-030 Transportation Mode Choice



Requires CDOT to

- **Present a statewide mode choice assessment to the TLRC, the transportation commission, and the Colorado energy office, including recommendations for targets for 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050 for the department, MPOs, and large transit providers for the share of total trip within a specified geographic area completed using certain modes**
- **Adopt rules establishing mode choice targets and reassess the mode choice targets before each statewide plan development cycle**
- **Every 3 years thereafter, in coordination with the MPOs, present a report to the TLRC that provides information about the mode choice targets and plans to implement**
- **Every 5 years thereafter, with the MPOs, large transit providers, and local governments with a population of 25,000+ individuals prepare a mode choice implementation plan, with information about the mode choice targets**

Current Status
INTRODUCED IN SENATE



GDT proposed position
SUPPORT

Do we have a motion?

SB25-051 RTD Operating Costs



Changes the definition of RTD's "operating costs" to mean all operating expenditures, excluding depreciation.

Previously excluding costs incurred in long-term planning and development of mass transportation and rapid transit infrastructures and the costs incurred as a result of providing transportation services mandated by the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 will now be included in the definition of "operating costs".

**Current Status
PASSED SENATE, TO HOUSE**



**GDT proposed position
SUPPORT**

Do we have a motion?

SB25-052 Railroad Report Confidentiality



Current Status
PASSED SENATE, TO HOUSE

Repeals the requirement for investigative reports of railroads made for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to be kept confidential and replaces it with a grant of rule-making authority to make ongoing investigations and security information confidential.

The confidentiality rules must not make final reports of investigations confidential and must require the timely release of information if public knowledge of the information would protect the public safety, health, or welfare.



GDT proposed position
SUPPORT

Do we have a motion?

SB25-161 Transit (RTD) Reform



Requires RTD to:

- Align with statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets
- Create worker retention goals
- Adhere to new FTA requirements regarding assaults
- Create a 10 year strategic plan
- Do a comprehensive operational analysis every 5 years
- Publish information related to capital projects, ridership & service, service changes, workforce, and safety
- Update its service policies and standards
- Add 2x ex-officio members to the Board

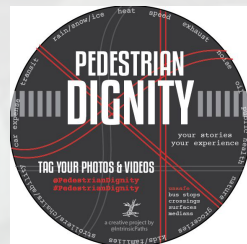
Creates a 2nd accountability committee to build on the 2021 committee's work that will make recommendations on the governance structure and compensation of the RTD board and executive leadership, representation of local governments and state agencies, and RTD's workforce.

Current Status
INTRODUCED IN SENATE



GDT proposed position
SUPPORT

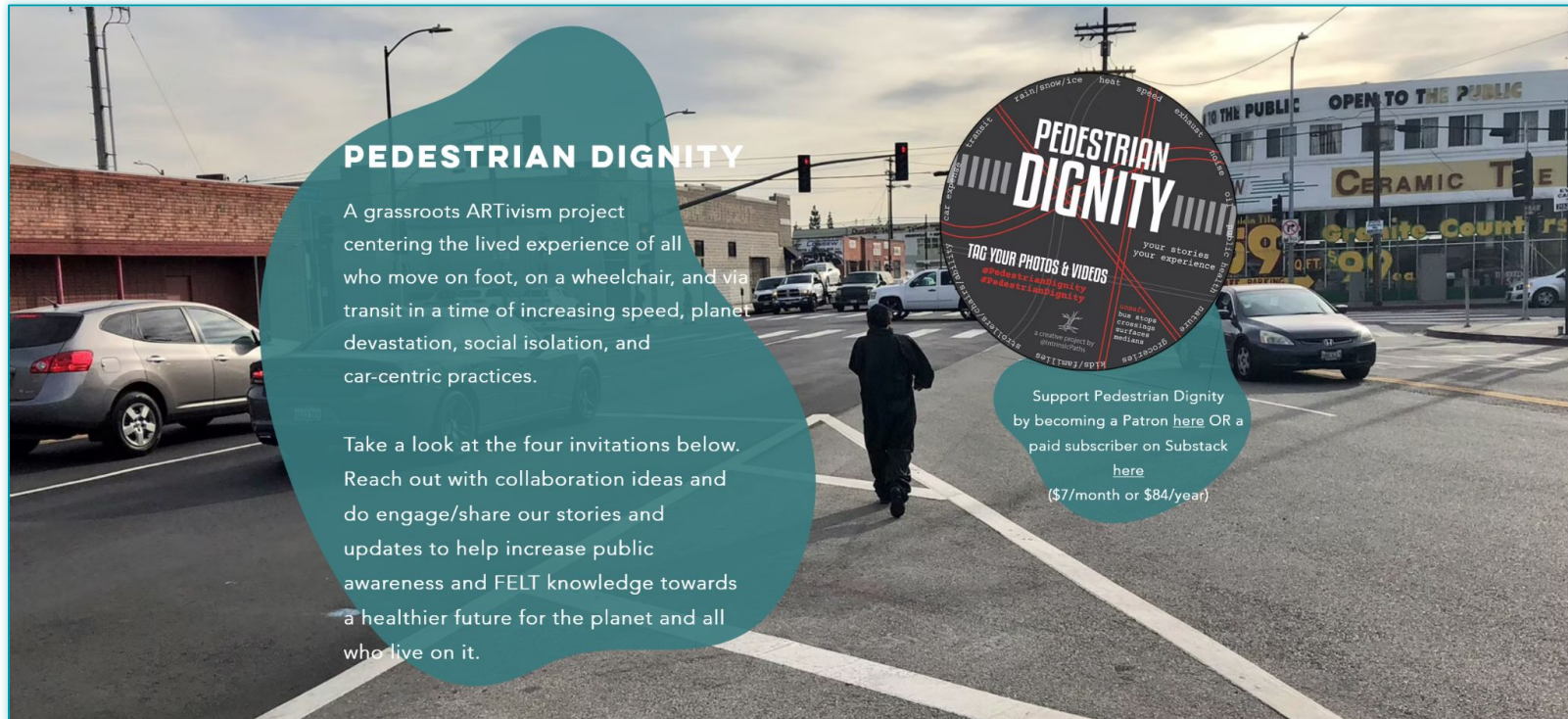
Do we have a motion?



Alejandra Castañeda

Pedestrian Dignity

WHAT (i.e. WHO) IS PEDESTRIAN DIGNITY?



PEDESTRIAN DIGNITY

A grassroots ARTivism project centering the lived experience of all who move on foot, on a wheelchair, and via transit in a time of increasing speed, planet devastation, social isolation, and car-centric practices.

Take a look at the four invitations below. Reach out with collaboration ideas and do engage/share our stories and updates to help increase public awareness and FELT knowledge towards a healthier future for the planet and all who live on it.

PEDESTRIAN DIGNITY

TAG YOUR PHOTOS & VIDEOS
@peddignity #peddignity

your stories
your experience

Support Pedestrian Dignity by becoming a Patron [here](#) OR a paid subscriber on Substack [here](#) (\$7/month or \$84/year)

<https://www.intrinsicpaths.com/pedestrian-dignity>

JONATHON & PHYLLIS: THE OF PEDESTRIAN DIGNITY

 **Allen Cowgill** 
@AllenCowgill

Took a late lunch break to briefly join @pedestrianhonor as he leads a walk down Sheridan Blvd with leaders from DOTI, CDOT, and the community to show how much we need to improve the street and others like it. Preach Jonathan. Preach.



2:12

4:06 PM · Feb 9, 2022

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 **Sam Balto**
@CoachBalto

He is killing it on TikTok.

10:25 PM · Feb 9, 2022

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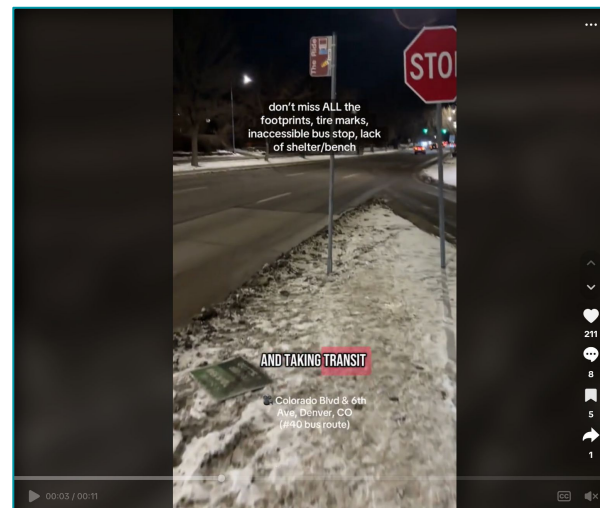
Remembering the woman who improved a strip of sidewalk in Denver — and changed the city



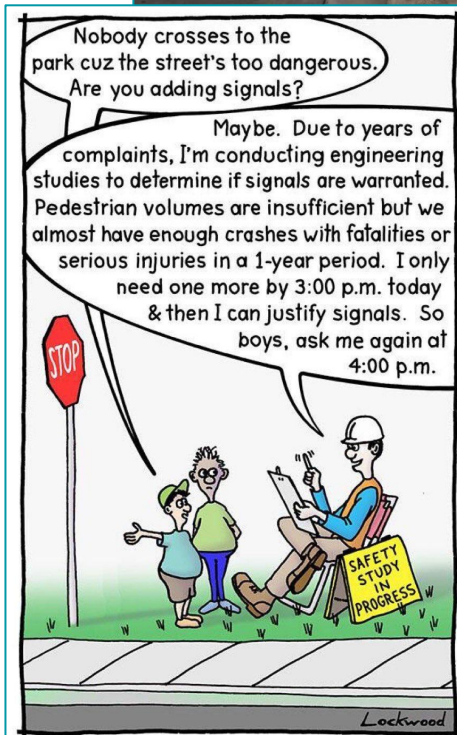
Phyllis Mack insisted the sidewalks didn't work for people who use a wheelchair, and the city listened.

Author: 9news.com
Published: 7:24 PM MDT April 23, 2024
Updated: 7:24 PM MDT April 23, 2024

A MOVEMENT, AN ETHOS



THE STATE OF PEDESTRIAN (IN)DIGNITY



Which comes first? A safe way to cross or lots of people crossing?

Denver Police Dept. @DenverPolice · Feb 13
ReadsUp: #DPD is investigating a traffic crash with serious injury involving a pedestrian and motorist in the area of **Sheridan Blvd** and **Alameda Ave**. One person was transported to the hospital. The driver remained on scene. EB Alameda is closed. Alternate routes advised. [Denver](#)



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“Alternate routes advised.”

Governor Jared Polis @GovofCO

During #NationalPedestrianSafetyMonth, the @ColoradoDOT and I want to remind everyone to:

- ◆ Use sidewalks whenever possible
- ◆ Cross streets at designated crosswalks or intersections
- ◆ Avoid distractions while crossing
- ◆ Look out for cars entering or exiting

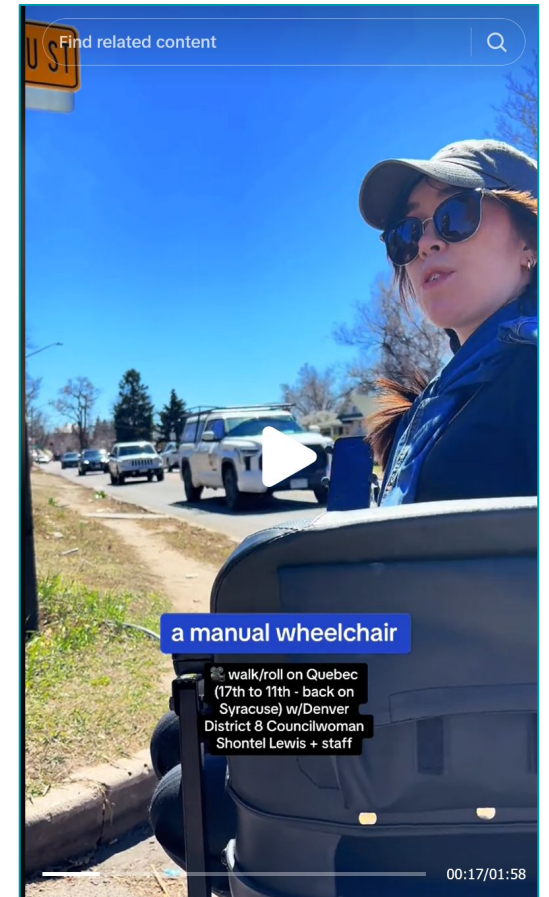
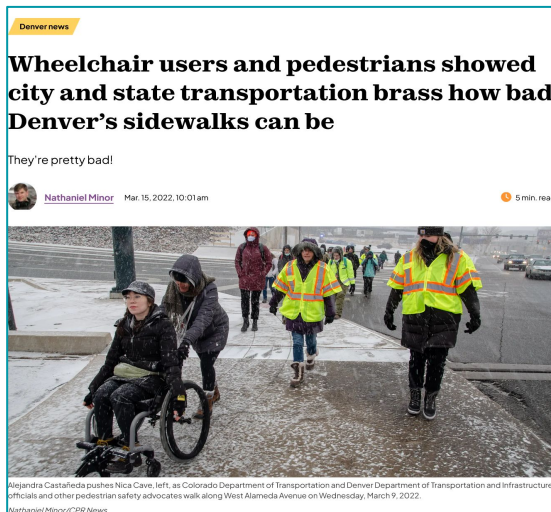
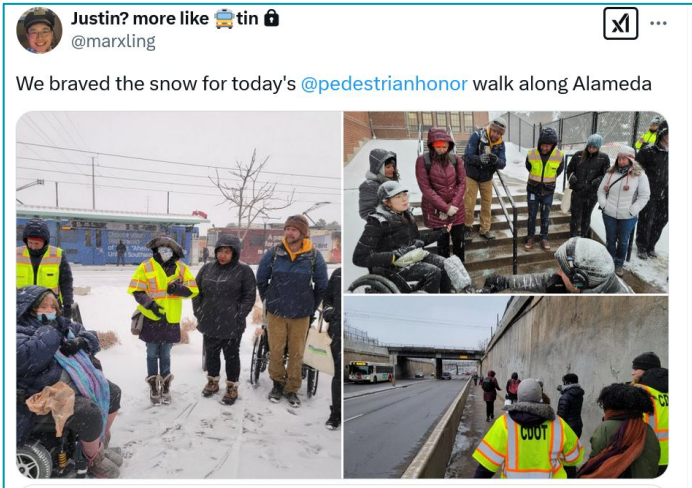
#NationalPedestrianSafetyMonth

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MATTERS

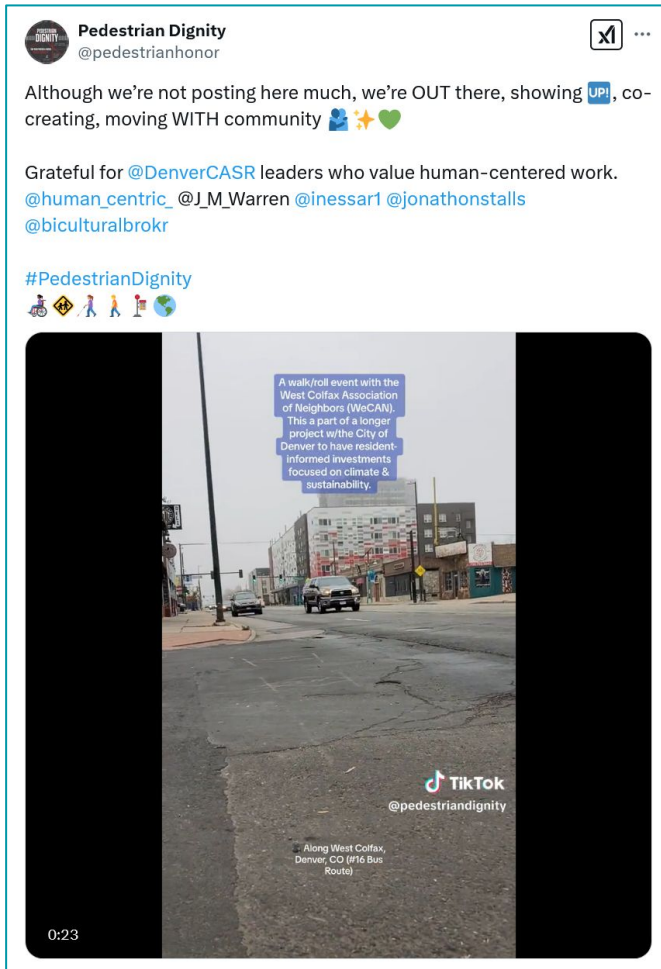
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SOME PD WALK & ROLLS



COLLABORATIONS: CASR & NOYS



YOUTH MOBILITY JUSTICE

Where:
3265 Federal
(behind Woodbury
Public Library)

When:
Wed, Oct 4
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

What:
Walk, Roll & Bus
with us along
Federal Blvd.

\$50 stipends are
available for up to
20 young people
(age 15-29).

A great learning &
networking
experience!



<https://www.noys.org/>

COLLABORATIONS: TRANSIT NEGLECT & WAITING FOR DIGNITY

access
gallery



ARTS IN SOCIETY





COLLABORATIONS: FEDERAL BLVD BRT & GDT



Federal Blvd. BRT Project Goals



Improving safety along the corridor and at transit station areas.



Increasing transit reliability and ridership.



Decreasing transit travel times.



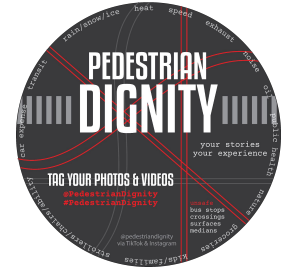
Promoting cultural vibrancy and quality of life along the corridor.



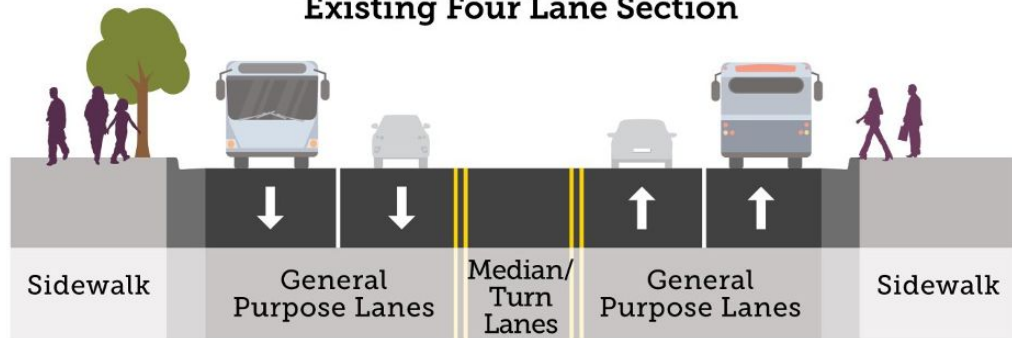
Increasing transit accessibility.



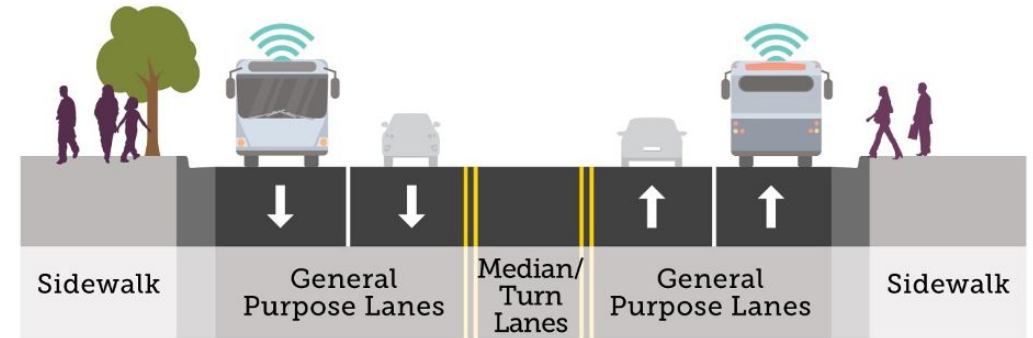
Improving connectivity and mobility.



Existing Four Lane Section



Proposed Four Lane Section with TSP



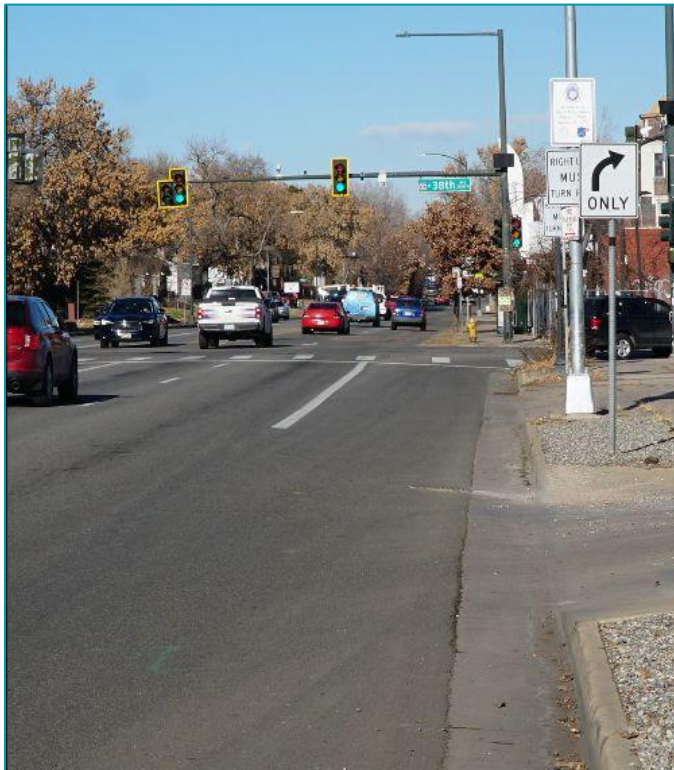


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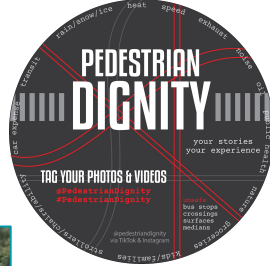
ACTION PAGE → <https://denverstreetspartnership.org/project/bus-rapid-transit-on-federal/>



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RIDER/COMMUNITY OUTREACH



CENTERING HUMANS/NON-DRIVERS



Meaningful engagement of stakeholders and community members in all of the phases of the development process---from identification of the problem to the co-creation, development and implementation of solutions---is a main distinguishing and defining feature of Human-Centered design.

4 Stages of Human-Centered Design



@PEDESTRIANDIGNITY WEEKLY REMINDER:

DE-CENTERING PERSONAL CARS & PRIORITIZING PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY IMPROVES:

- PUBLIC HEALTH
- ACCESSIBILITY
 - AIR QUALITY
 - MENTAL HEALTH
- COMMUNITY CARETAKING
 - HABITATS (ANIMALS & PLANTS)
 - WATERSHEDS
 - PUBLIC SAFETY
 - SOCIAL CONNECTION
 - TRANSIT SYSTEMS
 - PUBLIC RESTROOMS
 - FINANCIAL HEALTH
- CREATIVITY
- MEMORY & OVERALL COGNITIVE FUNCTION
- HEART, TENDONS & POSTURE
- CLIMATE & BIOSPHERE
- MICRO BUSINESS REVENUE
- PLACES FOR REST, PLAY & CONNECTION FOR FAMILIES, OLDER ADULTS, CHILDREN & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- & MUCH MORE



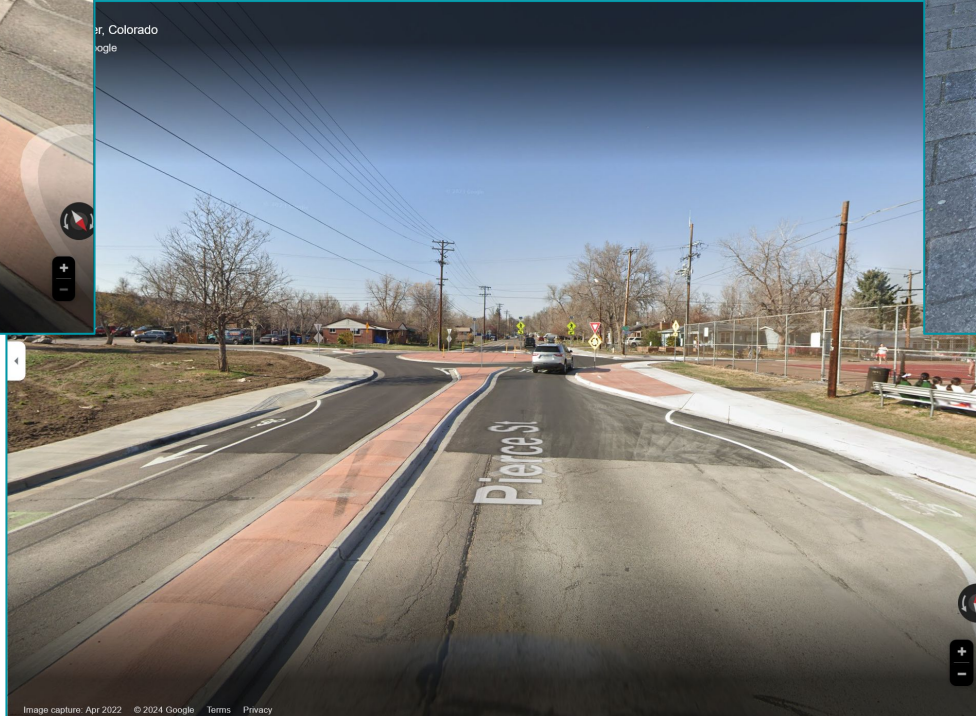
PRIORITIES: UNIVERSAL DESIGN



Amsterdam NL →



Edgewater, CO →



Denver, CO ↓



Valencia, Spain →



WATCH LATER! Paris School Streets video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-BYeen2F4U>

Wheat Ridge, CO ↓



Denver, CO ↓



WHAT CAN YOU (WE) DO?



LEARN MORE ABOUT SAFE-STREET, HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN & CONNECT WITH OTHER ADVOCATES (Pedestrian Dignity, Denver Streets Partnership, Denver Bicycle Lobby, GDT—obviously—, and others)



REPORT 311 ISSUES RELATED TO SAFE STREETS/SIDEWALKS/BIKE LANES/BUS LANES (CALL / [ONLINE SERVICES HUB](#))



REACH OUT TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ([DISTRICT SPECIFIC](#) AND AT-LARGE) & **ACTIVELY SUPPORT** INTERVENTIONS & **FUNDING/POLICIES** FOR SAFE, ACCESSIBLE STREETS



LEVERAGE YOUR POSITION OF RELATIVE INFLUENCE (PROFESSIONAL, PERSONAL) TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE - *Show up!*

QUESTIONS? WANT TO CONNECT?

Follow Pedestrian Dignity on:

Substack (**NEW**): <https://pedestriandignity.substack.com/>

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TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@pedestriandignity>

Link Tree: <https://linktr.ee/pedestriandignity>

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GranClass

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TOKYO DisneySea



Please sign up
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Thank You!

Transit adventure starts now!

LET IT GO



Disney
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