

Submitted as Public Comment to the RTD Board Meeting, March 25th, 2025

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Julian Bouquet, RTD Board Chair Regional Transportation District 1660 Blake Street Denver, CO 80202

Dear Chair Bouquet,

Greater Denver Transit (GDT) would like to respectfully submit public comment on the following topics:

Service Planning Standards and Service Performance Reporting

GDT welcomes this proposal to improve the performance reporting related to the current service standards. Longer term, GDT hopes that the 2016 service standards document will be updated in such a way to facilitate the planning of a true transit network that includes a detailed focus on transfers instead of the line-by-line approach taken today.

Records Request Fee Waivers for Members of the Media

GDT is in support of this resolution, which would provide the first \$300 in CORA fees to be waived per year to credentialed members of the media with an overall limit of \$600 per media outlet. Making it easier to allow the press access to RTD's discoverable records is a key part of facilitating media coverage on the agency that is well informed and in the public interest.

Denver NWSL Stadium Announcement

GDT is excited to see the initial plans for a women's soccer stadium at Santa Fe Yards and is particularly impressed that parking appears to have been minimized on a site that is close to I-25 & Broadway Station. A bold aim to have a high percentage of stadium goers travel to / from the site by public transit is exactly the sort of decisive action we need to see if Denver is ever to meet its sustainability, congestion and climate change goals. That said, GDT urges RTD to focus on a key piece of infrastructure that will be required for such a bold plan to work, namely the pedestrian bridge connection from I-25 & Broadway Station, that will take soccer fans over the light rail and consolidated mainline freight tracks to the stadium site. While we are not explicitly calling for RTD to fund the bridge, we urge the agency to be a willing and pro-active partner and resource, along with CDOT and the city, in getting the bridge built in time for the first game at the stadium in 2028.



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