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Agenda

- 6:00pm Doors Open
- 6:30pm Meeting Start
- 6:32pm The News
- 6:50pm Events
- 7:00pm Projects
- 7:15pm Campaign Workshop
- 8:00pm Meeting Ends
- 8:15pm 5 Points Transit Tour

Monthly Meeting

June 19th, 2025



Email List





The News



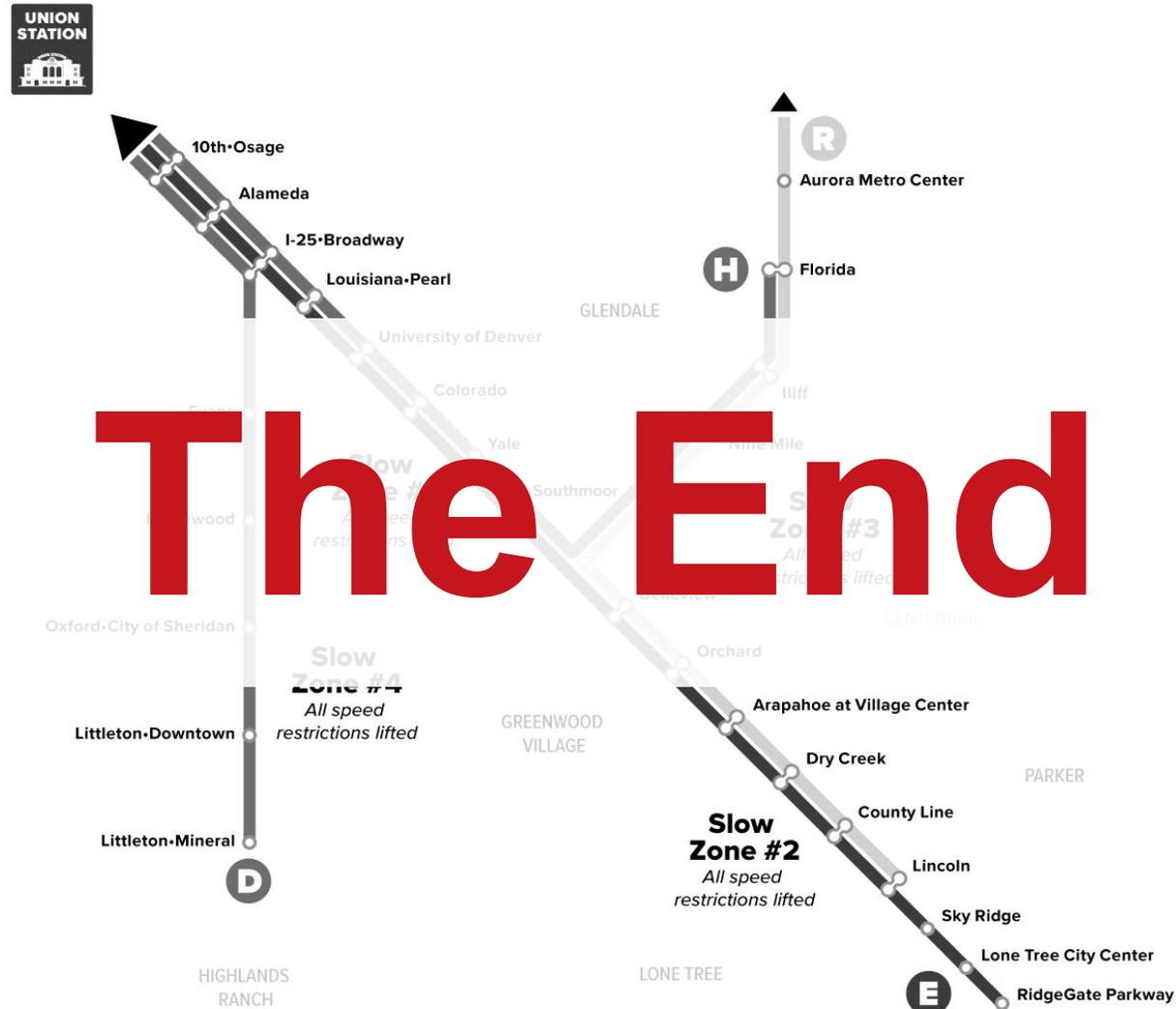
Goodbye MallRide, Hello FreeRide



To align with 16th Streets' rebranding, the **Free MallRide** will be renamed to the **16th Street FreeRide**



May 27th - Slow Zones Eliminated!

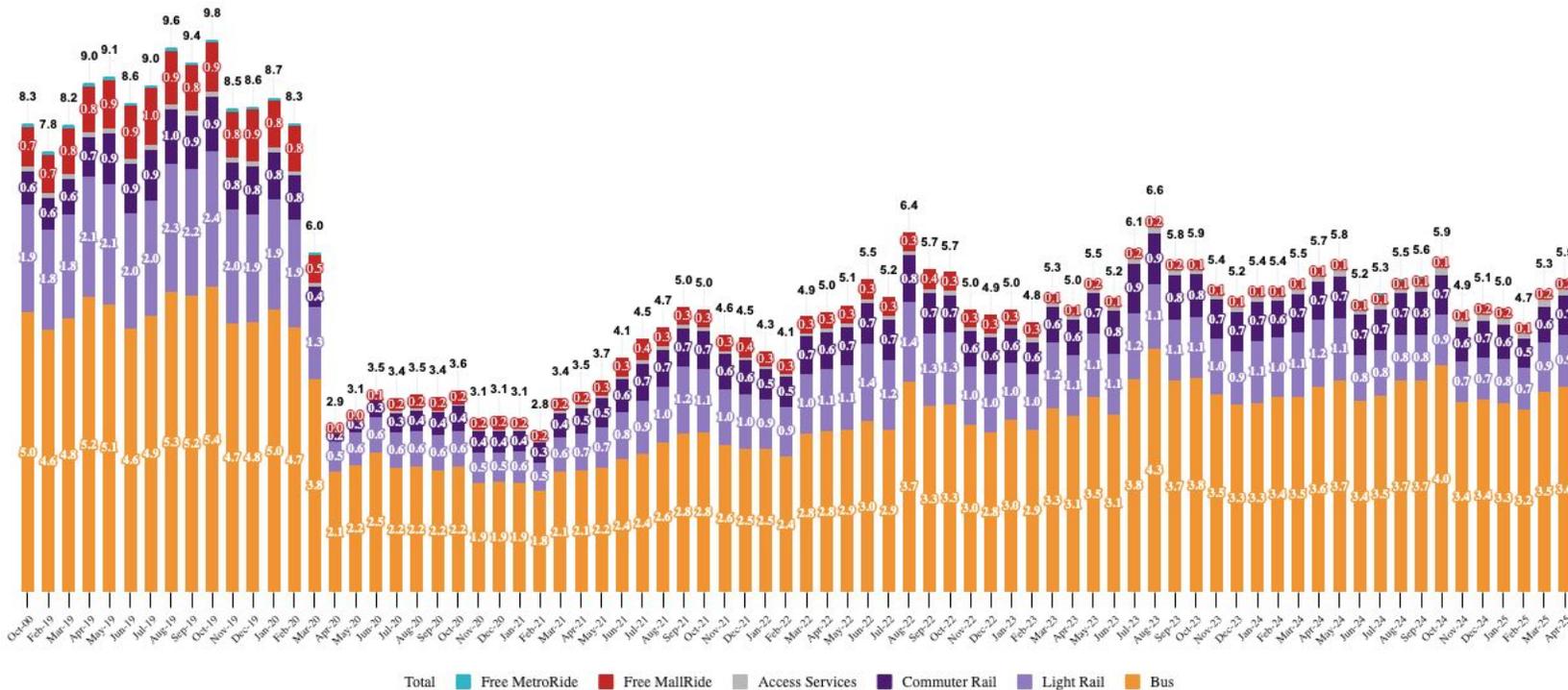




Ridership Analysis - Apr 2025



RTD Ridership by Mode (millions of boardings)



YoY % Growth*

Bus +0%

Light Rail -22%

Heavy Rail +0%

Total -4%

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

Apr 2019
9.0m riders

Apr 2021
3.5m riders

Apr 2025
5.5m riders

RTD Operator Shortage - Apr 2025



YoY Net Increase in Hiring*

Bus +89

Light Rail +12

Total +101

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

Bus

-1 Vacancies

953 vs. 952 Budget

Light Rail

41 Vacancies

176 vs. 217 Budget

Bus & Light Rail

40 Vacancies

1,129 vs. 1,169 Budget

2025 System Ridership Prediction



Year	Ridership (Millions)	Change from Previous Year	Change Percentage
2019	105.82M	-	-
2020	52.62M	↓	50.3%
2023	65.18M	↑	23.9%
2024	65.23M	↑	0.1%

RTD added a grand total of
55,000 boardings
in 2024

Year	Ridership (Millions)	Change from Previous Year	Change Percentage
2025	61.81M (Est.)	↓	5.2%

At this rate, it will take **738 years** for ridership to recover to 2019 levels



Western Rail Coalition Update

NOTICE:
Maximum Occupancy
for this room is
49



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PRESENTATIONS TO
CITY COUNCIL
ARE
LIMITED TO
10 MINUTES

The Western Rail Coalition presented to Leadville City Council on Tues Jun 17th

Connor Roth and Michael Cowart came prepared, were very favorably received!

Eagle River Rail Task Force is expanding, another convo. coming soon with the RR!



**Station arch structure was installed
at Colfax & Downing on Mon Jun 9th**



**Next arch to be installed at Colfax &
Pennsylvania on Tue Jun 24th**



Aug 2025 Proposed Service Changes



AB2, AB3 Boulder SkyRide
Weekday trips to Boulder Jct

FF2, FF4, FF5 (Flatiron Flyer)
More trips & Boulder Jct

LX2 (Longmont Express)
Reinstated with 3 roundtrips

Route 6 (East 6th Ave)
Extended to CCoA

Routes 29, 30, 31, 35
Reorganization

Route 32 (32nd Ave)
Extended to Civic Center

Routes 204, 205, 206, 208
Additional school trips

Route 228
Serves US 36 / McCaslin PnR

Routes 323, 327
Extended service hours

**Routes 11, 20, 24, 42, 45, 51, 66, 73,
NB1, NB2, DASH, JUMP, SKIP**
Reinstate seasonal / school tripper service

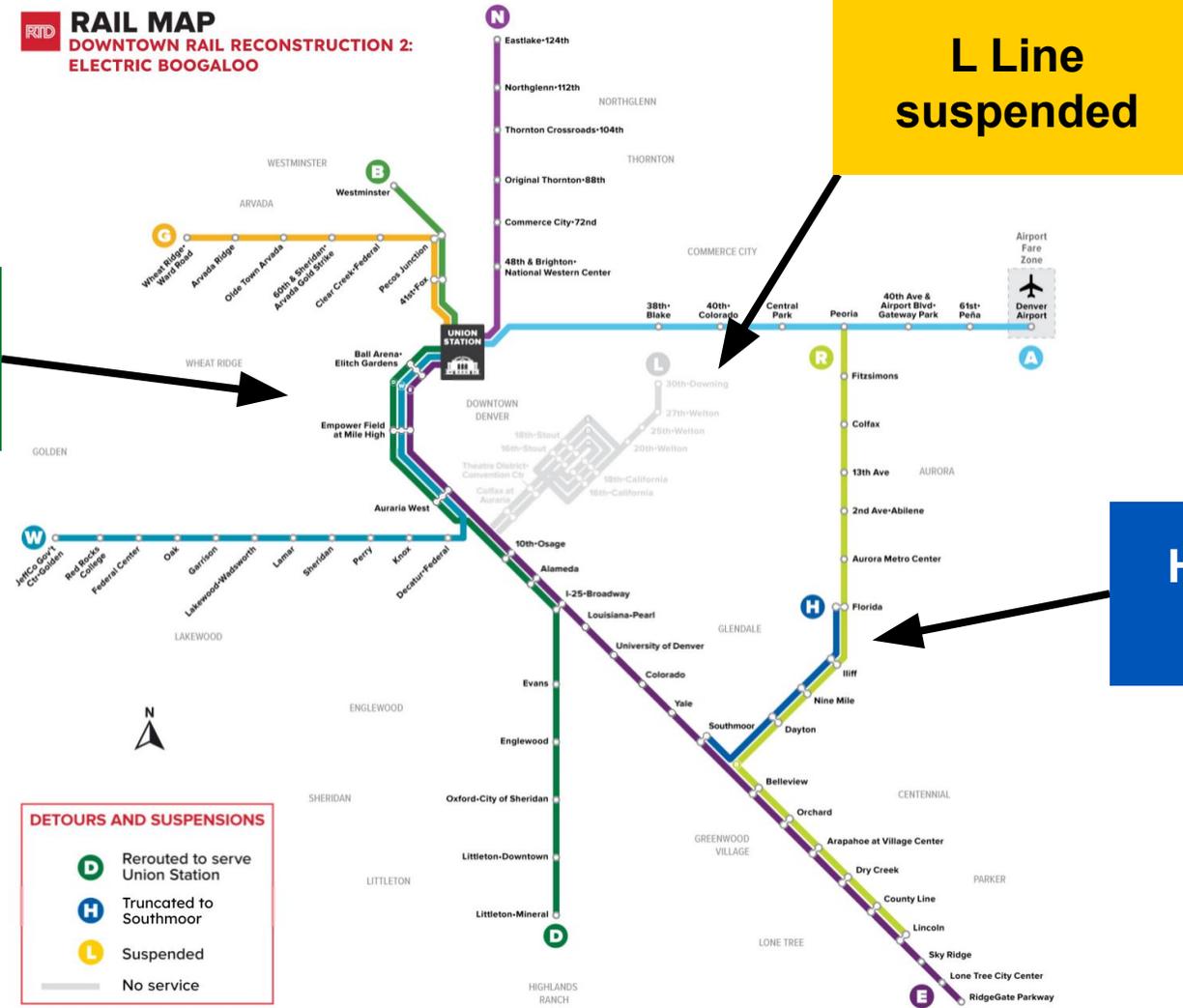
**Lines E, R and W, and Routes 3L, 12, 28,
44, 76, 83D, 83L, 104L, 116X, 120, CV, EV**
“Minor changes to schedule”



Aug 2025 Light Rail Operations



RAIL MAP DOWNTOWN RAIL RECONSTRUCTION 2: ELECTRIC BOOGALOO



D Line diverted to Union Station

L Line suspended

H Line runs as Florida - Southmoor shuttle



Lamar Advertising Contract Nixing?



On Tuesday at 3pm the RTD Board will vote whether to cancel the Lamar Outdoor Advertising Contract



Contract covers billboards, inside and outside of vehicles, digital signs and universal advertising totems

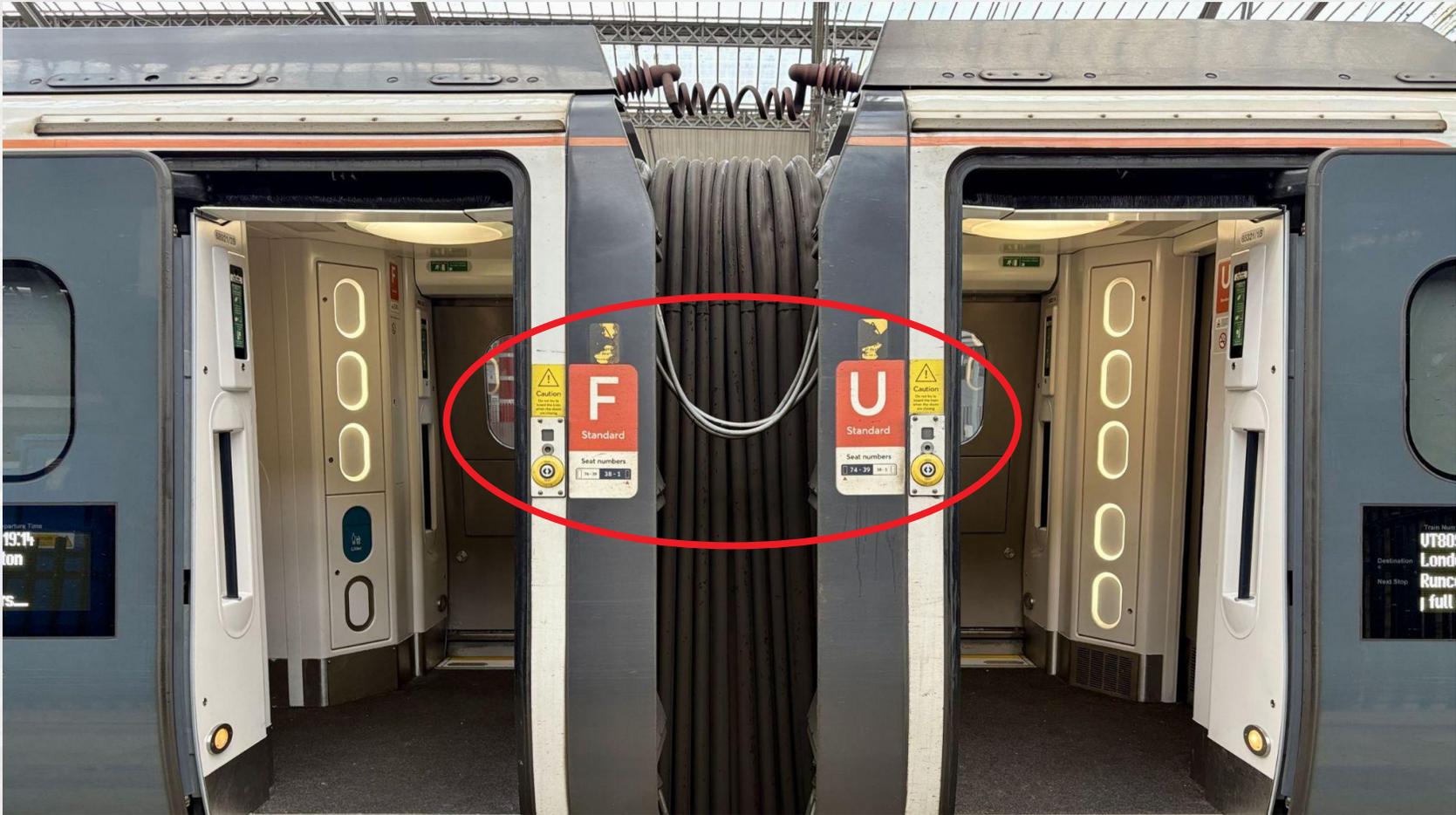


Following a public solicitation, a replacement advertising contract is expected to be awarded

Avanti West Coast's Car Lettering



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Events



Board of Directors Meeting



Next board meeting
5:30pm Tue Jun 24th
1660 Blake St, Denver

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

Please speak about the
Downtown Rail Loop
Reconstruction Contract

Monthly Meetings



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

**Drinks at
Spangalang Brewing after!**

**Next meeting
6pm Thu Jul 17th**

More Meetings...



**FRONT RANGE
PASSENGER RAIL**

Front Range Passenger Rail
Board of Directors Meeting
9am Fri Jun 27th



INC Transportation
Committee Meeting
6pm Thu Jul 10th

**DENVER
CITY COUNCIL**



Register for 30 minute public
comment session
5pm Every Monday

Transit Oriented Hike - Rocky Mntn Nat'l Park



July 12, meet at Union Station
Underground Bus Terminal
Gate B4 at **7:45 AM**

The trip will be GDT's second
trip on **Bustang to Rocky
Mountain National Park**

We will head back at **4:15 pm**
(arrive back at DUS ~7 pm)

The Fabulous GDT Pool Party



It's out with the old, and in with the new. Goodbye clouds of grey, **hello skies of blue!**

We're taking a dip in the pool to kick off the summer **July 26**

Meet here at **Cadence** on the **13th floor**, there will be food, drinks, and plenty of sunbathing



Happy Juneteenth!



NORTHBOUND



Juneteenth commemorates the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas June 19, 1865

Though slavery effectively continued in certain forms for decades due to sharecropping and black codes

We will be getting drinks in **Five Points** at **Spangalang Brewing** to celebrate



Projects

New Train For Colorado



Big website update on what trains for FRPR and Mountain Rail could look like

Detailed white paper on passenger rail equipment introduction

To find out more, search **New Train For Colorado**



Campaign Workshop

Campaign - Adopt the Downtown Bus Plan



2 years of collaboration, using ridership data, best practices and customer / planner input



Plan will grow ridership by reducing journey times and improving connectivity



Please fill in our survey!

We request that DOTI and RTD work together to adopt the Downtown Bus Plan

Campaign - Finish the L Line to 38th & Blake



L Line extension to 38th & Blake remains key unfinished part of FasTracks program

04
RTD
Ride

Extension would improve usefulness of the L Line, boost ridership and support Welton St



Please fill in our survey!

We request that RTD works with DOTI to finish the L Line extension to 38th & Blake Station

Campaign - NWSL Stadium Bridge



Image: Denver Business Journal



Existing south bridge adds 1/2 mile on to walk / roll from I-25 & Broadway Station to stadium

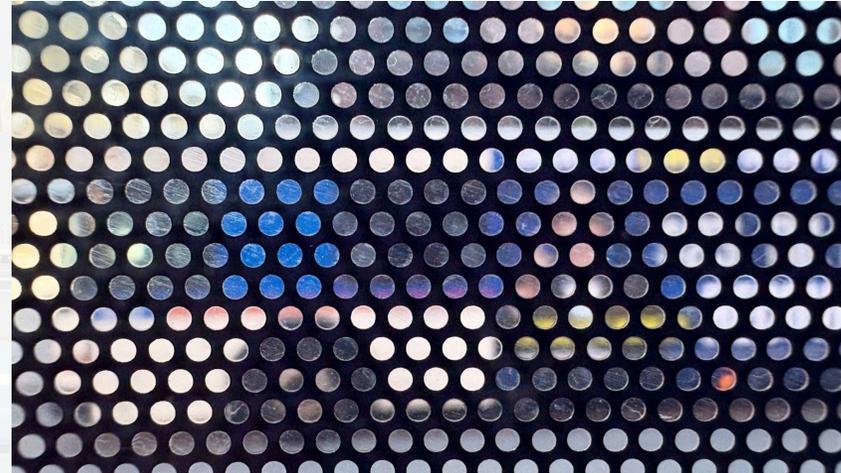
A new 'north' pedestrian bridge would allow a 'straight shot' access to the stadium



Please fill in our survey!

We request that Denver NWSL, CDOT, DOTI and RTD work together to fund and build the pedestrian bridge in time for the first game at the stadium in 2028

Campaign - RTD Advert Watch



Window wrap is not in line with a quality transit experience or a 'welcoming transit environment'

Clear windows are a big aid in helping riders identify their stop to get off at

Please fill in our survey!

We request that RTD adopts a policy that prohibits advertising and promotional wrap from covering bus or train windows

Campaign - RTD On-board Security Presence



Police and security efforts appear to be mainly directed at Union Station and not on-board

Many transit agencies have ambassadors to provide a presence at stations & on-board

Please fill in our survey!

We request that RTD adopts a safety & security policy that enables police, security officers and staff to be seen on-board buses and trains

Campaign Workshop



First, pick a spokesperson for your group...



Dtn. Bus Plan



L Line Ext.



NWSL Bridge



Advert Wraps



Security

What three key messages should we focus on to convince people to support this campaign?

Aside from RTD, which three entities should be approached to support this campaign?

Should the campaign ask be changed?

How would you get people to take the survey?

Welton Rail Corridor Outreach



Questions for business owners

1. Does the L Line affect your business / community in any way? If so, how?
3. Should the L Line still be extended north to meet the A Line at 38th & Blake as-promised in FasTracks?

2. Does anything need to change for the train to bring greater value to the neighborhood?
4. Do you believe that the L Line running south beyond Downtown Denver (eg to I-25 & Broadway, Littleton, Nine Mile, or Lakewood) as it did pre-2018 would be an improvement?



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Thank You!
Let's go to Spangalang!