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Monthly Meeting

January 18th, 2024

Agenda

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| 6:00pm | Doors Open |
| 6:30pm | Meeting Start |
| 6:32pm | The News |
| 6:45pm | Events & Projects |
| 7:00pm | Candidate Motion |
| 7:15pm | Strategy Discussion |
| 8:00pm | Informal Networking |
| 8:30pm | Meeting Close /
Transit Adventure |



**Please sign up
for our email list.**



The News

RTD Director Kate Williams Steps Down



Director Williams has serious health issues.

Mayor will appoint temporary District A replacement until Nov.

GDT endorses Jamie Lewis & Chris Nicholson.

GDT on Holiday Tour



James and Richard explored Europe by train and bus.

Richard organized transit tours. Got lots of pictures!

UK Highlight was **Great Western Railway.**

Seattle Subway Meeting



Northgate ↑



James met with Seattle's version of GDT.

Meeting of the minds - shared priorities, advice.

Encouraged us to expand outreach at non-transit events.

Save ¡Viva! Streets!



DDP announces no ¡Viva! Streets! event for this year.

“Permitting issues” cited as one of the main reasons.

Denver Streets Partnership has a letter template.

Denver Airport - Peña Blvd Mobility Plan



Peña deck presented to Mayor's office and INC Transportation.

DOTI Advisory Committee wrote a letter in support.

Denver Streets Partnership has a letter template.

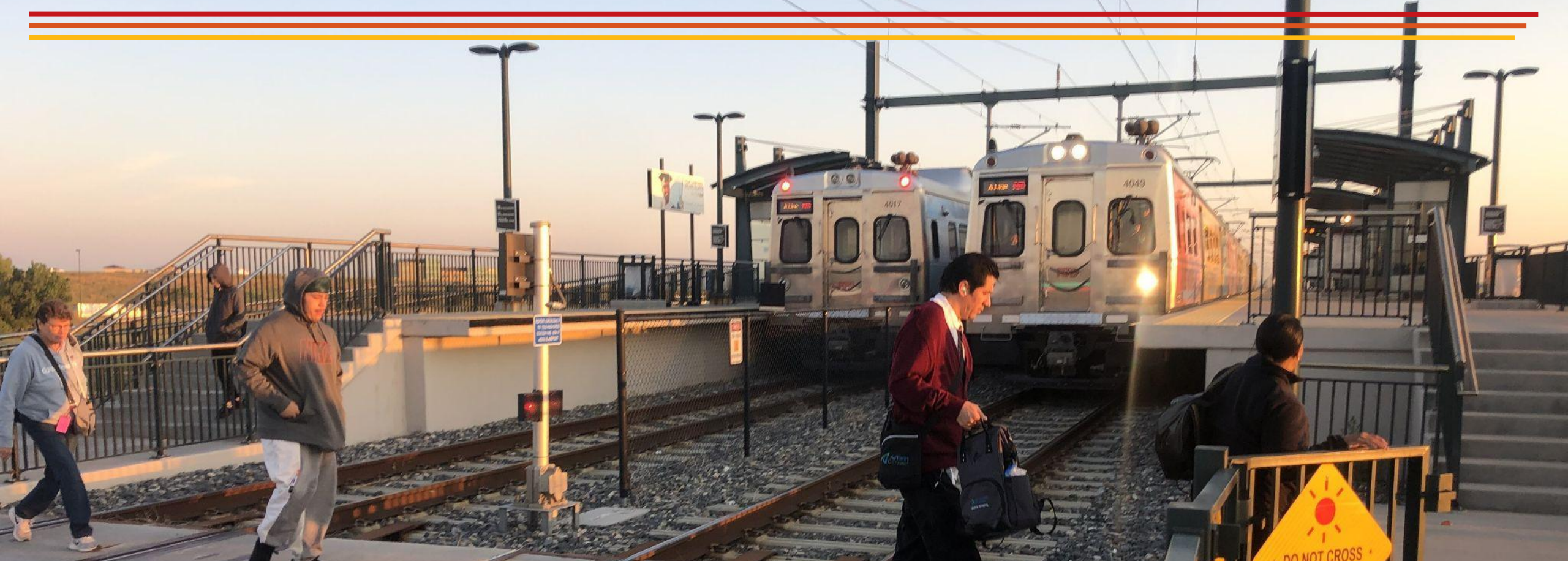
GDT's World of Transit - L.A. Metro





Events

RTD Vision Zero Coalition



Director organized coalition to get RTD to adopt “Vision Zero”.

CDOT representative speaking at next meeting, date TBC.

Draft document due to RTD in February.

RTD Board of Directors Meeting



Next board meeting:
Tues Jan 30th

Would you approve a
\$168m contract
without seeing it?

Essential opportunity
to comment!

Monthly Meetings



6pm on 3rd Thursday
of the month.
(Except next month)

Transit-oriented
Drinks (ToD)
follow after!

Next meeting on a 4th
Thursday
Thurs Feb 22nd.

GDT Booth at Rocky Mountain Train Show



**National Western
Complex:
150,000 square feet of
train nerds, est
attendance of 12,000**

**Show runs:
Sat April 6th 9am-5pm
Sun April 7th 9am-4pm**

**One of the best
opportunities to
engage with the
general public.**

**Easy to get to from
the N Line.**

Has a liquor license.

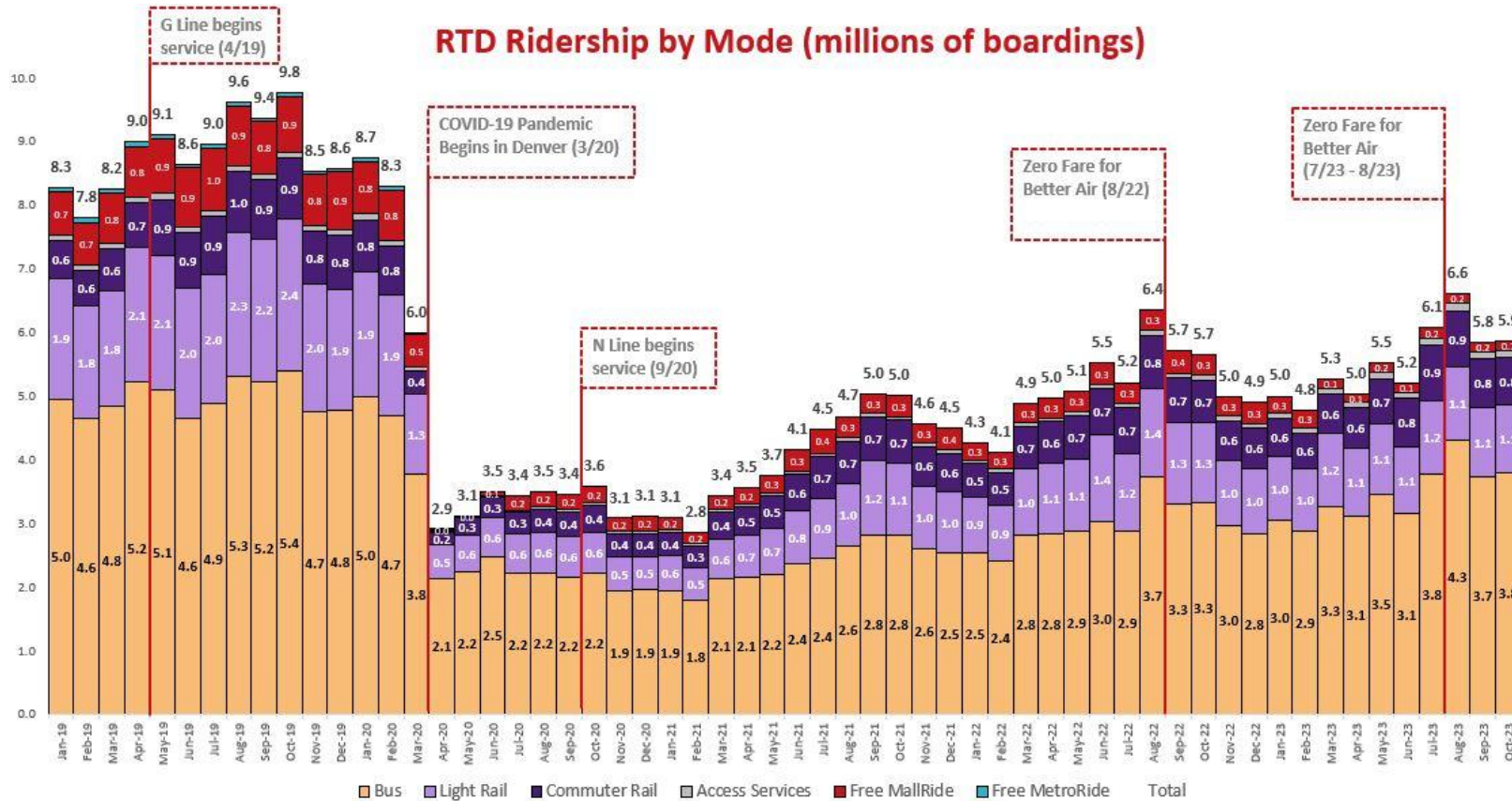
**Let us know if you
want to volunteer at
our booth and we'll
get you a badge.**



Projects



RTD Ridership Analysis - Oct 2023



YoY % Growth *

Bus: +9% YoY

Light Rail: -20% YoY

Heavy Rail: +10% YoY

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

Oct 2019
9.8m riders

Oct 2020
3.6m riders

Oct 2023
5.9m riders

RTD Operator Shortage - Oct 2023



YoY Net Increase in Hiring*:

Bus: **+17 People**

Light Rail: **-10 People**

Total: **+7 People**

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

Bus: **174 Vacancies**
778 vs. 952 Budget

Light Rail: **35 Vacancies**
158 vs. 193 Budget

Bus+LRT: **209 Vacancies**
936 vs. 1,145

RTD Advert Watch Campaign



**Campaign survey
launched online.**

**Responses mainly in
agreement. Issue of
sunlight raised.**

**RTD Staff have letters
in hand - will respond.**

Reimagine RTD (GDT's Version)



Evolution of **RTD Basics** and **Downtown Bus Plan**

Aim: Simplify and separate asks based on RTD Owner

Roll up key ideas into a vision, but have removable pieces that can be focused on.

Reimagine RTD (So Far)

1. **RTD Bus for the Future** (Service Reclass and Marketing According to Best Practice)
2. **Downtown Bus Plan** (Trunks and Outer Ring)
3. **RTD Groundwork for BRT** (Not waiting on CDOT / DOTI - RTD to introduce "Rapid" proto-BRT service with the fleet it has now)
4. **Denver Union Station Gate Assignments** (Putting an end to the "Runaround")
5. **Civic Center Station Hub for Greyhound** - Waiting with Dignity

What types of buses should RTD run?



Circulator Bus

Circulator Bus is a very short-distance, low-speed bus service often operating as a loop or out-and-back bus near a major hub designed to reduce walking and rolling.

Community Bus (Local Bus)

Community Bus, known elsewhere as “local bus”, is shorter-distance bus service designed to connect the neighborhood the rider lives in to a transit hub where they can more rapidly traverse the District.

RAPID (Street-Running BRT Lite)

RAPID (BRT Lite) is a street-running bus characterized by frequent, limited-stop service along a major arterial without diversions aside from major transit hubs, but lacks most of the infrastructure associated with BRT aside from limited transit-only lanes and some signal priority.

LYNX (Street-Running BRT)

LYNX is street-running BRT characterized by frequent, limited-stop service along a major arterial without diversions aside from major transit hubs enhanced by infrastructure such as dedicated transit-only lanes, level-boarding, signal priority, and enhanced bus stops.

Flyer and Express (Highway Running BRT)

Flyer and Express Buses are highway-running BRT characterized by longer-distance journeys at high speeds over highway infrastructure that are served by coach buses. This combines Flatiron Flyer, “X”, SkyRide, and other RTD commute routes on highways.

Downtown Bus Plan

Attention and Responsibility:






RTD bus journeys can be made faster with safer and easier transfer experiences in Downtown via a series of inexpensive and highly-marketable routing adjustments to form transit “Trunks”.



- “Trunk” lines are made up of multiple transit routes that merge together to create ultra-high frequency service over a common stretch of track/street.
- 20 existing RTD bus routes should have their Downtown “last miles” aligned between DUS and Civic Center.
- The former RTD Free MetroRide bus fleet can then be repurposed to fill Downtown’s largest transit gap: Decatur - Federal Station to 38th & Blake Station.
- The high frequency “Trunks” can be further enhanced by DOTI investment in **block-long bus stops** to make transfers safer, easier, quicker and prevent buses from bunching.

RTD's RAPID Starter Bus Network



-  Rapid Bus (x14)
-  Light Rail (X6)
-  Commuter Rail (x4)

Federal Rapid (31 - Westminster Station to Englewood Station)

Sheridan Rapid (51 - 60th / Sheridan Station to Englewood Station)

38th Ave Rapid (38 - Wheat Ridge Ward to DUS)

Broadway Rapid - RiNo Branch (TBD - I-25 & Broadway to 48th & Brighton)

Colorado Rapid (40 - 40th & Colorado Station to Colorado Station)

Colfax Rapid - West Branch (16 - Civic Center to Oak Station)

Colfax Rapid - East Branch (15 - DUS to Colfax / I-225 Station)

Colfax Rapid - Federal East Connector (15L - Decatur-Federal to Colfax / I-225)

Speer Rapid (TBD - DUS to Cherry Creek)

Alameda Rapid - West Branch (3W - Federal Center Station to Alameda/Broadway)

Alameda Rapid - East Branch (3E - Aurora Metro Center Station to Alameda/Broadway)

Park Ave Rapid (TBD - 41st & Fox Station to Cherry Creek Mall)

Broadway Rapid - Union Station Branch (0 - I-25 & Broadway to Union Station)

Parker Rapid (83D/83L - DUS to Nine Mile Station)



Survey

Front Range Passenger Rail Survey



How would YOU
use FRPR?



Please fill in
our survey!



Brett Paglieri for RTD



Candidate for District M

Edgewater, Golden, Wheat Ridge, and N. Lakewood

I am a transit user who will focus on *Safety* and *Rider Experience*, creating policy to promote transparency and data driven decision making.

BrettForRTD.com





IN GOD WE TRUST

Chairperson will read out information and motion and then call for a proposer and a seconder.

Chairperson will call for speakers.
Up to 2 for and 2 against.
2 minute speeches.

Chairperson will call a simple majority vote.

Motion



GDT Candidate Endorsement



“This house moves to endorse Brett Paglieri for Director of RTD District M in 2024.”

Strategy Discussion



Campaign Description:

RTD Board Officers:

Key Recipients:

Erik Davidson (Chair), Lynn Guissinger (Vice Chair), Peggy Caitlin (2nd VC), Julian Bouquet (Treasurer), Michael Guzman (Secretary)

RTD Management:

Key Recipients:

Debra Johnson (CEO)
Stuart Summers (CMO)
Michael Ford (COO)
Doug McLeod (CFO)

Take a Card and a Pen:

On top of ongoing Reimagine RTD Bus Campaign (Downtown Bus Plan, BRT, etc.)

1. What should be our top 3 policy priorities for the RTD Board in 2024?
2. What should be our top 3 operational asks for RTD Management?
3. What about DOTI / CDOT / FRPR District?



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Thank You!

Transit adventure starts now!

