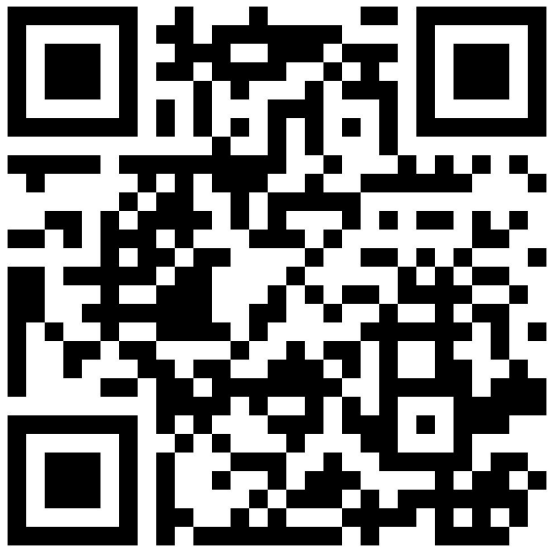




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Agenda

- 6:00pm Doors Open
- 6:30pm Meeting Start
- 6:32pm The News
- 6:45pm Events & Projects
- 6:55pm Testimony Workshop
- 7:15pm DOTI - Amy Ford & Matthew Ball
- 8:00pm Transit Orientated Drinks

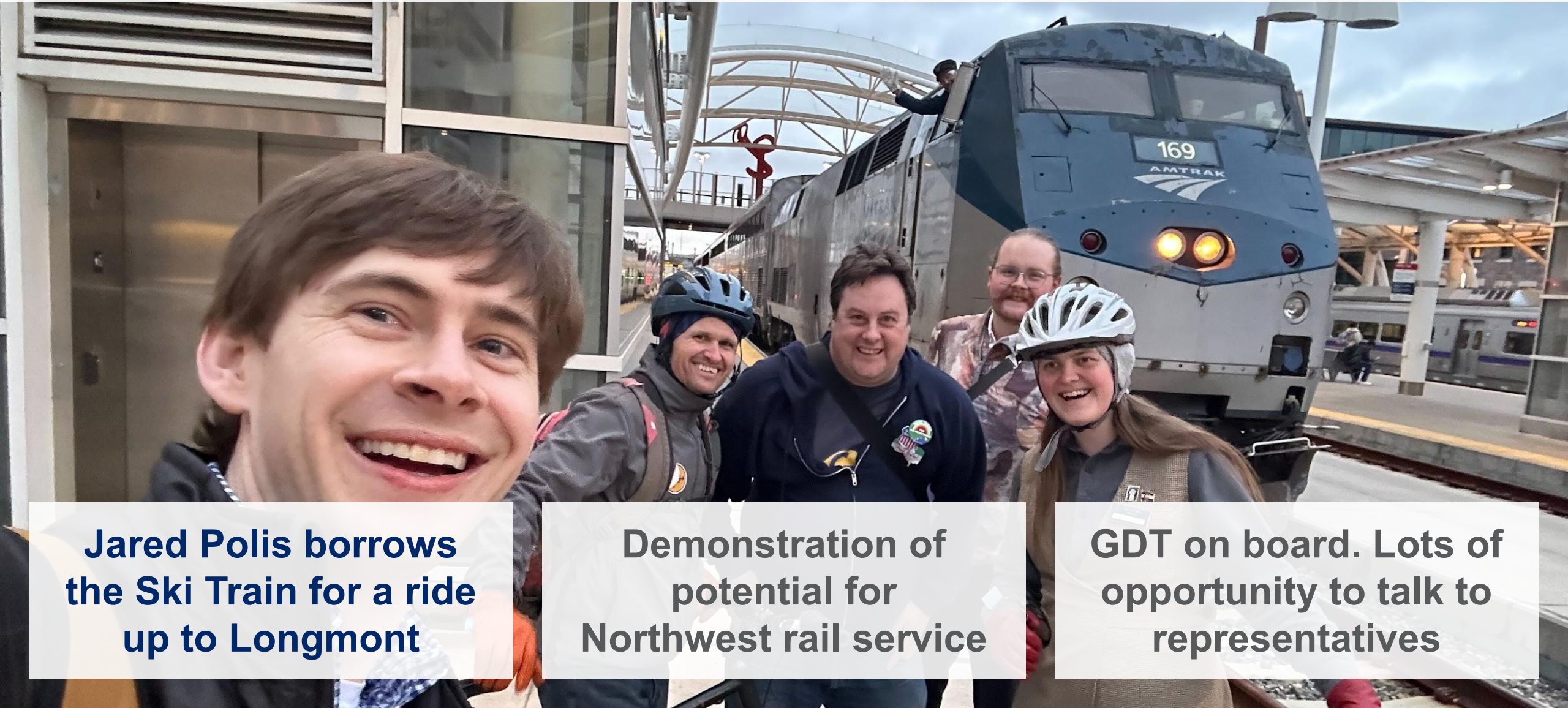
Monthly Meeting

March 21st, 2024



The News

Governor's Special FRPR Preview Train



**Jared Polis borrows
the Ski Train for a ride
up to Longmont**

**Demonstration of
potential for
Northwest rail service**

**GDT on board. Lots of
opportunity to talk to
representatives**

Pena Blvd Expansion



Motion Passes

Aye **7** Nay **6** Abstain **0**

Flor Alvidrez	■	Sarah Parady	■
Kevin Flynn	■	Diana Romero Campbell	■
Stacie Gilmore	■	Amanda Sandoval	■
Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez	■	Amanda Sawyer	■
Chris Hinds	■	Jamie Torres	■
Paul Kashmann	■	Darrell Watson	■
Shontel Lewis	■		

Denver City Council **narrowly passed** the Peña Blvd expansion study in a 7-6 vote

Project still does not include a viable transit “Core Alternative”

Mayor Johnston could still veto - will he?

Light Rail Train Derails at Southmoor



Light rail train derails
at Southmoor on
January 24th

Per Colorado PUC:
“The event is still
under investigation.”

Still no information on
cause - did train strike
an object?

RTD Light Rail Projects



Coping Panels Project

Tue May 28th to Sat Sep 14th

7am - 7pm Mon-Sat working

Single tracking

60min frequencies on E and H Lines

No relief bus service

Downtown Light Rail Reconstruction Project

Phase 1 - 5x grade crossings

Tue May 28th to September.

All D & H Line trains to Union Stn

L Line suspended

RTD May 2024 Service Changes



**D and H Lines
to finish at 11pm
All other light rail lines
to finish at 10pm**

**Massive permanent
impacts to usability of
light rail system**

**Get involved to urge
RTD to find other
ways to schedule
maintenance**

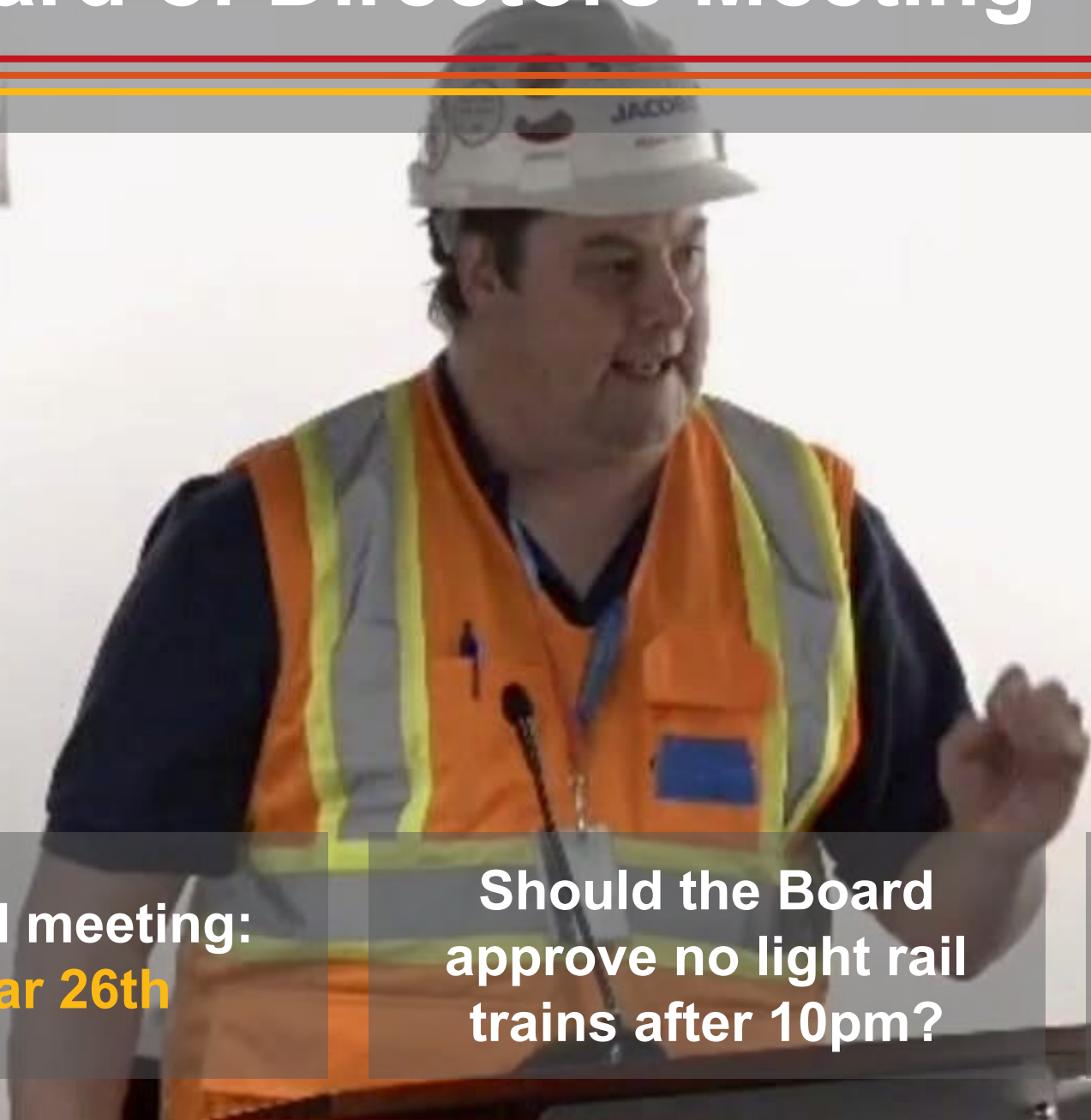


Events

HELLO
My name is
Matt



RTD Board of Directors Meeting

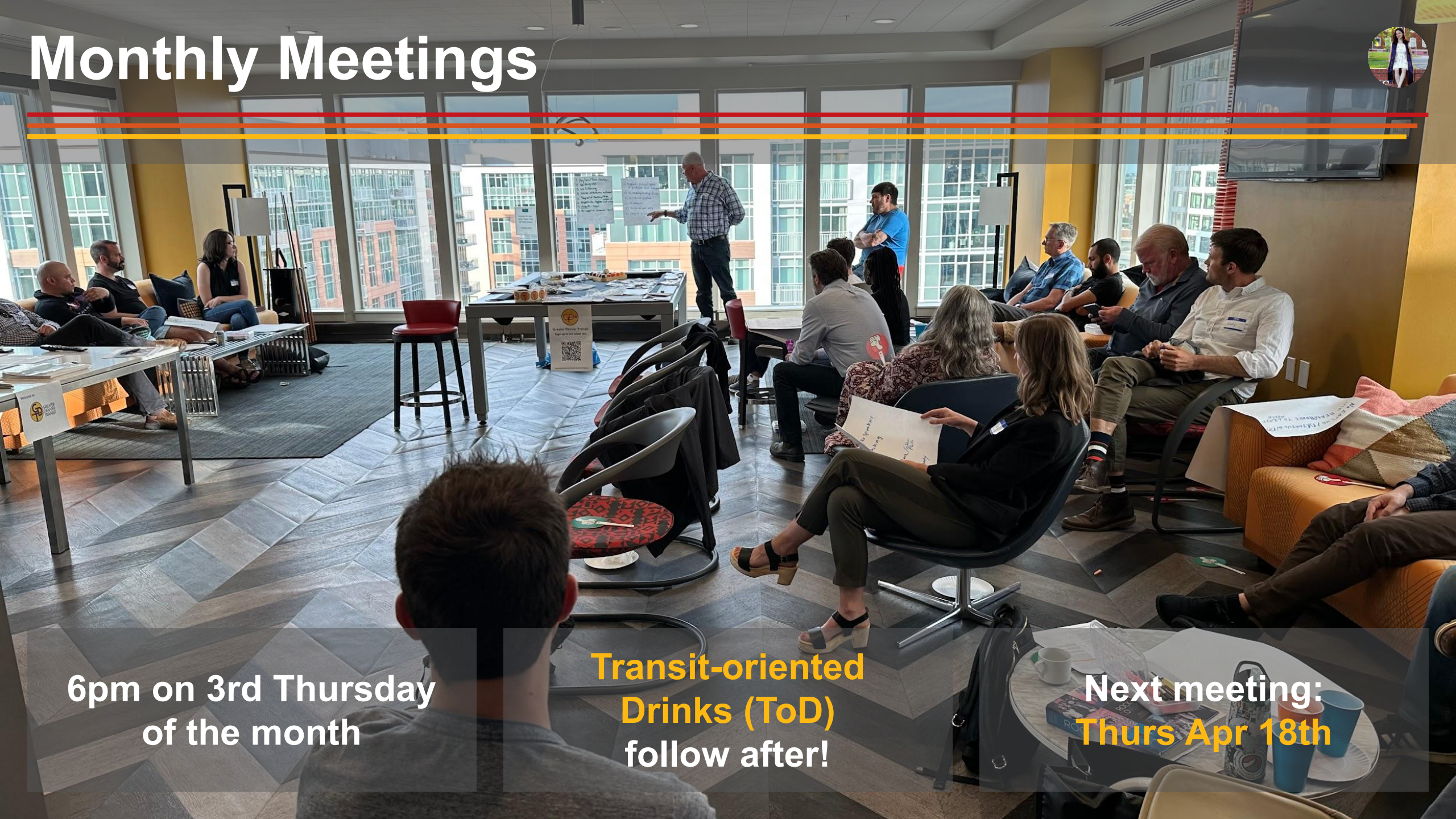


Next board meeting:
Tues Mar 26th

Should the Board
approve no light rail
trains after 10pm?

Essential opportunity
to comment!

Monthly Meetings



6pm on 3rd Thursday
of the month

Transit-oriented
Drinks (ToD)
follow after!

Next meeting:
Thurs Apr 18th

GDT Booth at Rocky Mountain Train Show



**National Western
Complex**

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

**N Line Station
is next door.**

**150,000 square feet of
train nerdiness, est.
attendance of 12,000.**

Has a liquor license.

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

**Let us know if you
can volunteer!**

Greater Denver Transit

All-volunteer transit advocacy group aimed at transforming RTD and the public transportation of the greater Denver metro into a world-class system.

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Merch is shipping!

GDT Logo Unisex T-Shirt

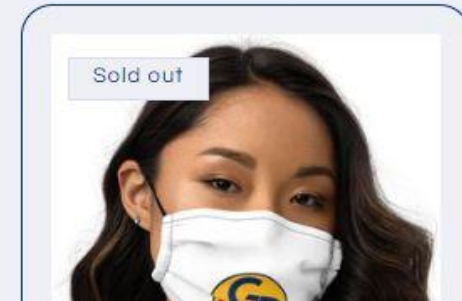


Represent GDT at the Train Show!

GDT Logo Unisex Hoodie



GDT Logo Women's Relaxed T-Shirt



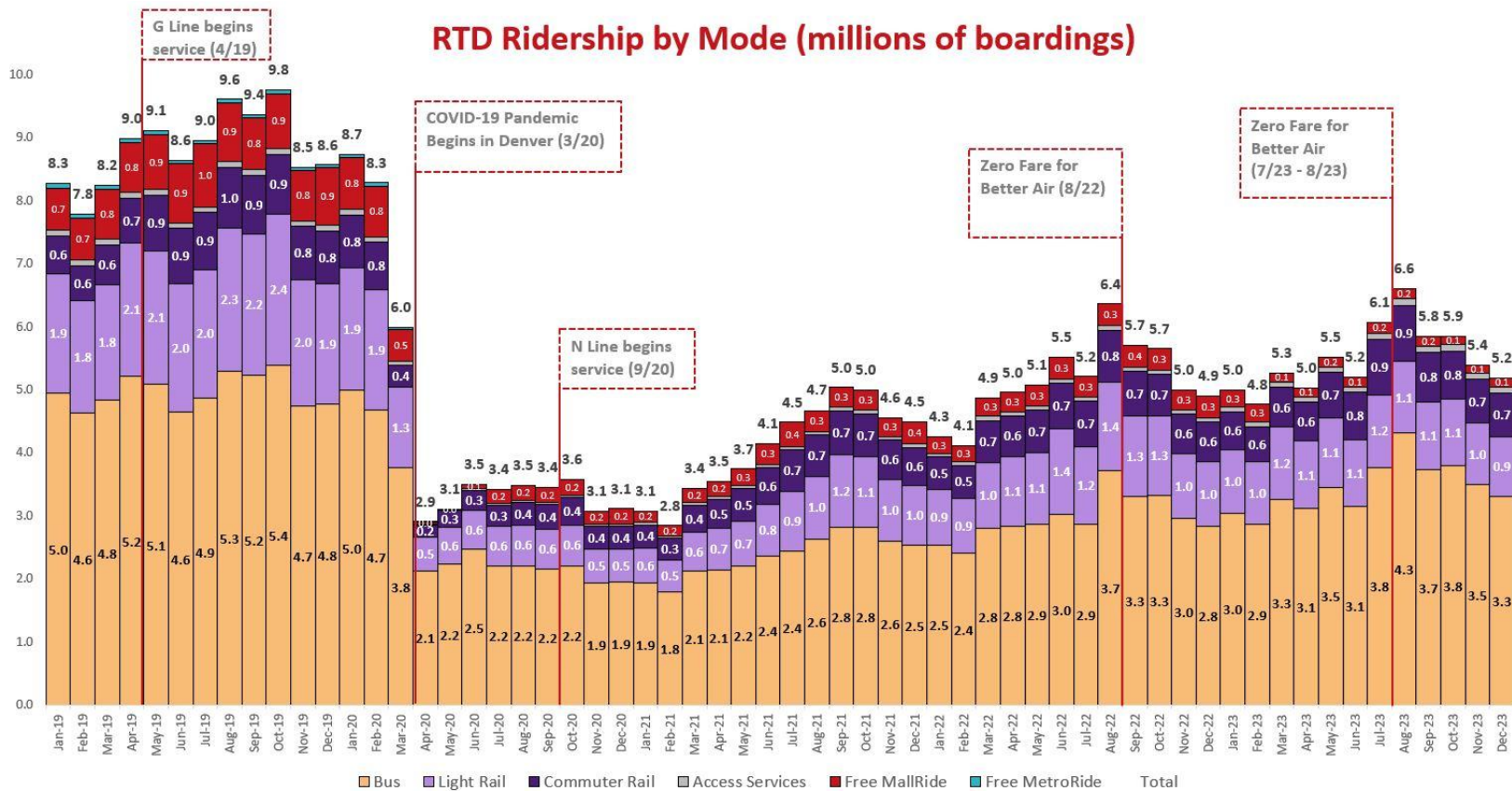
Order today!

Premium face mask

A wide-angle photograph of a modern train station platform. The platform is paved with light-colored concrete and features a yellow tactile strip along the edge. Overhead power lines and support structures are visible, with a black support pole in the foreground on the left labeled 'M1-6' and another on the right labeled 'M2-4'. In the background, a train is visible on the tracks, and the station has several covered waiting areas with wooden and metal structures. The sky is a mix of blue and white clouds, suggesting a clear day.

Projects

RTD Ridership Analysis - Dec 2023



YoY % Growth *

Bus: +17% YoY

Light Rail: -8% YoY

Heavy Rail: +10% YoY

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

Dec 2019
8.6m riders

Dec 2020
3.1m riders

Dec 2023
5.2m riders

RTD Operator Shortage - Dec 2023



YoY Net Increase in Hiring*:

Bus: **+40 People**

Light Rail: **-3 People**

Total: **+37 People**

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

Bus: **141 Vacancies**
811 vs. 952 Budget

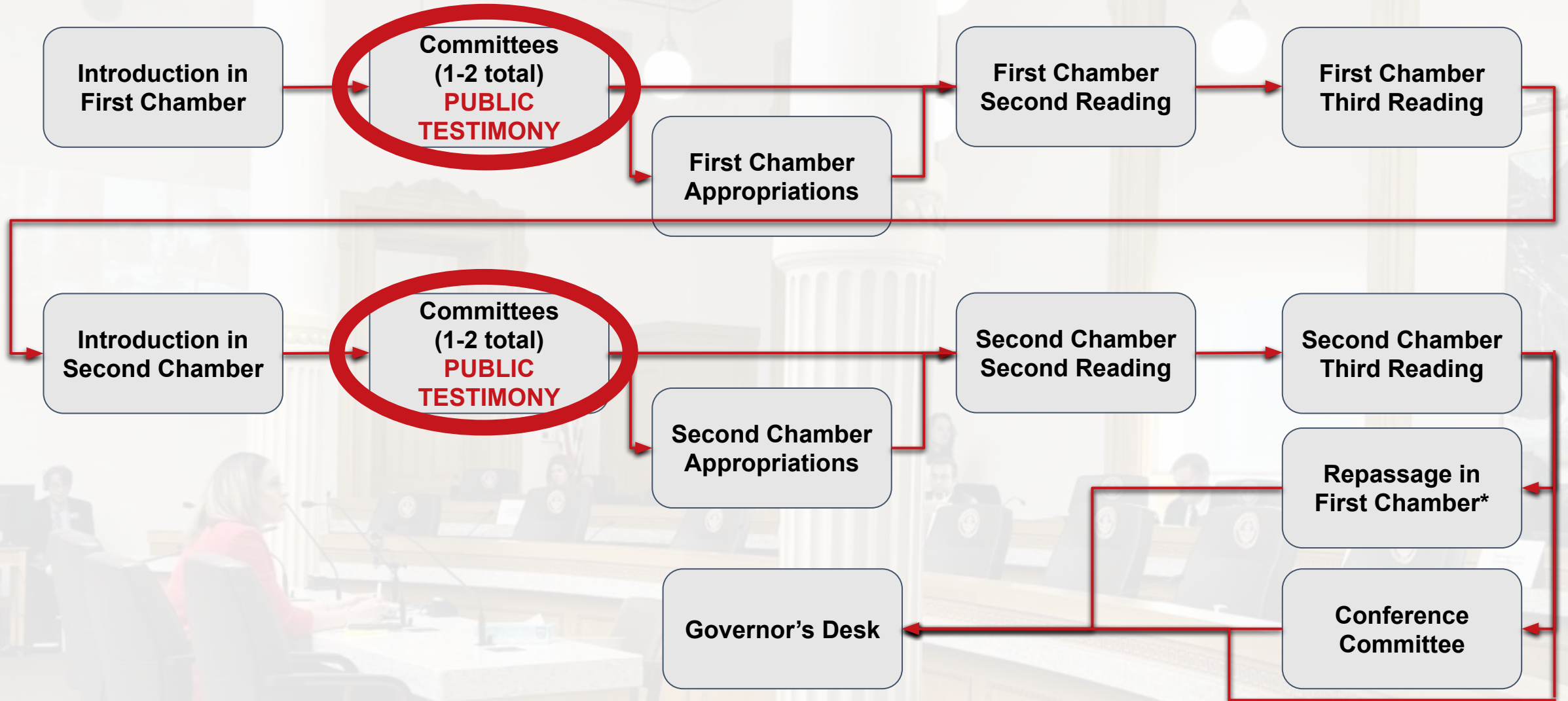
Light Rail: **37 Vacancies**
156 vs. 193 Budget

Bus+LRT: **178 Vacancies**
967 vs. 1,145



GDT Testimony Workshop

How a Bill Becomes a Law



Why is Testimony Important?



Good testimony can move lawmakers to vote yes on critical bills and support GDT amendments

Testimony from GDT members legitimizes GDT, making it easier for us to work behind the scenes

Witnesses from GDT can answer questions from lawmakers, helping to educate them and make them more likely to support transit in the future

Ahead of the Hearing



1. Listen for GDT hearing notices and action alerts!
2. Figure out which bill you are interested in/what your scheduling availability is
3. Write your testimony
4. Sign up on the GA website
 - a. In person, remote, or written testimony accepted
5. DM June so she can keep track of our witness list and topics covered

The screenshot shows the Colorado General Assembly website for the Second Regular Session of the 74th General Assembly. The header includes the state seal, the text "Second Regular Session | 74th General Assembly", and "Colorado General Assembly". There is a search bar and a "Visit & Learn | Find" link. The navigation menu includes: SESSION SCHEDULE, BILLS, LAWS, LEGISLATORS, COMMITTEES, INITIATIVES, BUDGET, and AUDITS. A dropdown menu is open under "COMMITTEES", listing: Committees, Committee Information, Committee Room Policy, Public Testimony Options, and Committee Archives. A red arrow points from the text "Sign up on the GA website" in the list to the "Public Testimony Options" link in the dropdown. Below the navigation is a banner for "The 74th General Assembly" with the text: "The Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly convened on January 10, scheduled to adjourn on May 8, 2024."

What to Expect



Each bill being heard has these phases:

1. Bill introduction (5-20 minutes)
2. Public testimony (Variable)
3. Amendments (0-15 minutes)
4. Final Comments and Vote (10-15 minutes)

Testimony is 3 minutes each, but can be limited to 2

Hearings take a long time

HEARING ITEM

HB24-1239	Single-Exit Stairway Multifamily Structure
SB24-021	Exempt Small Communities from HOA Requirements
HB24-1308	Effective Implementation of Affordable Housing Programs
HB24-1294	Mobile Homes in Mobile Home Parks

Committee members may ask questions to witnesses, they usually only ask questions to expert witnesses

Witness orders may be predetermined or may be random. Usually we do not know when you will testify!

What to Include In Your Testimony



Begin with thanking the chair and members of the committee.

Introduce yourself:

- Name, where you live, that you're with GDT, and any other information you want the committee to know
- Name the bill and share your position on it: (Support, Oppose, Amend)

Tell the committee why you have a stake in the bill. Explain your position on it and why.

- How does this bill affect you?
 - Share a personal story
- For professionals with relevant experience, share your expertise

End your testimony by restating your position and ask the lawmakers to take action

Transit Related Bills

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Colorado State Capitol building, featuring its prominent golden dome and classical architectural details. The building is set against a cloudy sky. Two horizontal lines, one red and one yellow, run across the top of the slide, positioned below the main title.

SB24-036 (Lost)
**Vulnerable Road User
Protection Enterprise**

**Transit (RTD) Reform
and Governance bill
is on the way!**

SB24-032
**Methods to Increase
the Use of Transit**

**SB24-184 Surface
Transportation Infra.
Development**

**HB24-1012 Front
Range Passenger Rail
District Efficiency**

HB24-1030
**Railroad Safety
Requirements**

HB24-1304
**Minimum Parking
Requirements**

**HB24-1313 Housing in
Transit-Oriented
Communities**



Questions?



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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



Senate Bill: 24-184 Detail



1. **Generate \$50M/yr of funding for transit** by imposing a ~\$3 fee on car rentals
2. **Authorizes potential funding for FRPR from RTD's FasTracks savings account (\$150M-\$300M)**
 - a. RTD's NW Rail Corridor is expanded beyond the RTD District to Fort Collins
 - b. This will allow the project to qualify for Federal intercity rail funds (matches to the car rental funding)
 - c. Separately, we have assurances from FRPR District Leadership that the ballot measure that goes to voters will still be for a Pueblo to Fort Collins service via Denver Union Station
3. **Lays the groundwork for an intro FRPR rail service (could be considered a demo service) from Denver Union Station to Fort Collins**
 - a. Likely to have fewer stops than RTD's planned B Line would have
 - b. Bill mentions/contemplates rail to Craig/Steamboat and future long-distance service from recent Federal studies (without additional funding mentioned) south to Pueblo and Trinidad to Albuquerque and Dallas/Houston - more aspirations than anything else at this time
4. **Requires a report to be issued which contains an implementation plan for NW Rail starter service of either 3 or 5 round trips to Fort Collins by 2028**
5. **Will explore the possibility of consolidating all heavy rail in Colorado under one Colorado Rail Authority**

**How can we support this first step,
AND advocate for a Fast, Frequent, Reliable, and Accessible FRPR ballot measure?**

FFRA Amendment - Senate Bill: 24-184



“This house moves to endorse SB24-184, provided that the bill is amended with language that progresses towards a future ballot measure that would propose sufficient sales tax funding for a Front Range Passenger Rail service between Pueblo and Fort Collins that is fast, frequent, reliable and accessible.”



Amy Ford Executive Director



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