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Greater Denver Transit Calls on RTD Management to Take Decisive Action Regarding Light Rail Crisis

Greater Denver Transit (GDT) calls on RTD to take decisive action regarding current riding conditions plaguing the E, H, and R Lines to reduce adverse impacts on the traveling public. In a [letter written to RTD Management](#), GDT is requesting that the agency carry out the following actions immediately:

1. Work with ATU 1001 to publish workable temporary schedules for the E, H, and R Lines which can reasonably be adhered to by operators. These schedules should be revised weekly and/or when “slow zones” are imposed or lifted.
2. Work with ATU 1001 to provide alternative methods of transportation for E, H, and R Line riders (e.g., bus bridges) to minimize adverse impacts on journey times.
3. Publish a schedule for all currently identified remedial works and remaining inspections being carried out to APTA standards in the current quarter year cycle. This should include contingency dates for further remedial works, should additional defects be found.
4. Commit to 100% transparency with the public, including publishing all light rail-related incidents, inspection and remedial works going forward, as permissible.
5. Rescind [communication restrictions](#) that unnecessarily restrict staff and / or the Board of Directors from providing proper oversight, handling, and communications on this issue.
6. Respond fully to the questions in the [letter written to RTD Management](#) and also the [Operations, Safety & Security Committee public comment letter](#) sent in by GDT on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024.

Richard Bamber, GDT Co-founder said:

“As the imposition of ‘slow zones’ continues to majorly inconvenience light rail riders and erode public trust in RTD, it is vitally important that the agency’s management recognizes that decisive action must be taken to manage this crisis.”

James Flattum, GDT Co-founder said:

“A vital underlying question is that if RTD proactively adheres to the highest level of safety standards, how is it possible that deficient track conditions arose in multiple places over a length of seven miles? RTD needs to explain how and why the summer maintenance schedule that was already posed to inconvenience riders did not contemplate this new track work. It is clear that the implementation of these slow orders has broken the already sensitive May schedule, and this schedule urgently requires adjustments and accommodations as appropriate for riders to maintain confidence in RTD.”

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Greater Denver Transit is a free-to-join organization of Greater Denver Area residents who advocate for a world-class public transit system. GDT envisions an accessible, efficient, reliable, safe, and inclusive public transit system that delivers on the region’s mobility needs. GDT is part of the Denver Streets Partnership coalition.

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