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## **Agenda**

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|--------|--------------------------|
| 6:00pm | Doors Open               |
| 6:30pm | Meeting Start            |
| 6:32pm | The News                 |
| 7:00pm | Events & Projects        |
| 7:15pm | Board Action<br>Activity |
| 8:00pm | Transit Adventure        |

# **Monthly Meeting**

**January 16th, 2025**





# The News



# New Lead for GDT: Joe Meyer



**Joe Meyer is now aboard as the newest lead of GDT.**

**Leadership on RTD Bus Modernization.**

**Please give him a big welcome!**



# RTD January 2025 Service Changes (eff 1/19)



E and H Lines back at 15 minute frequencies!

AB2 route is back serving 28th Avenue in Boulder.

30 minute frequencies on AB1 and 83D.

Route 35 east extension to Nine Mile reinstated.

Routes 1 & 44 being rearranged into 3 routes with a new "ART" service.

Additional trips on routes FF5 and LD1

Service span improvements on 24 and 73.

GDT submitted 15 comments.





# New Board New Committee Chairs?



**Chris Nicholson**  
District A



**Chris Gutschenritter**  
District D



**Matt Larsen**  
District E



**Kathleen Chandler**  
District F



**Julian Bouquet**  
District G



**Patrick O'Keefe**  
District H



**Karen Benker**  
District I



**Brett Paglieri**  
District M



# Performance Committee

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# OSS Committee





# New Board New Committee Chairs



## Performance



## OSS



## Finance and Planning





# Executive Committee



Chair



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair



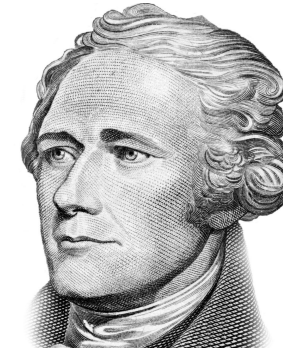
Secretary



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair



Treasurer





# L Line tracks to be ripped out on Welton St?



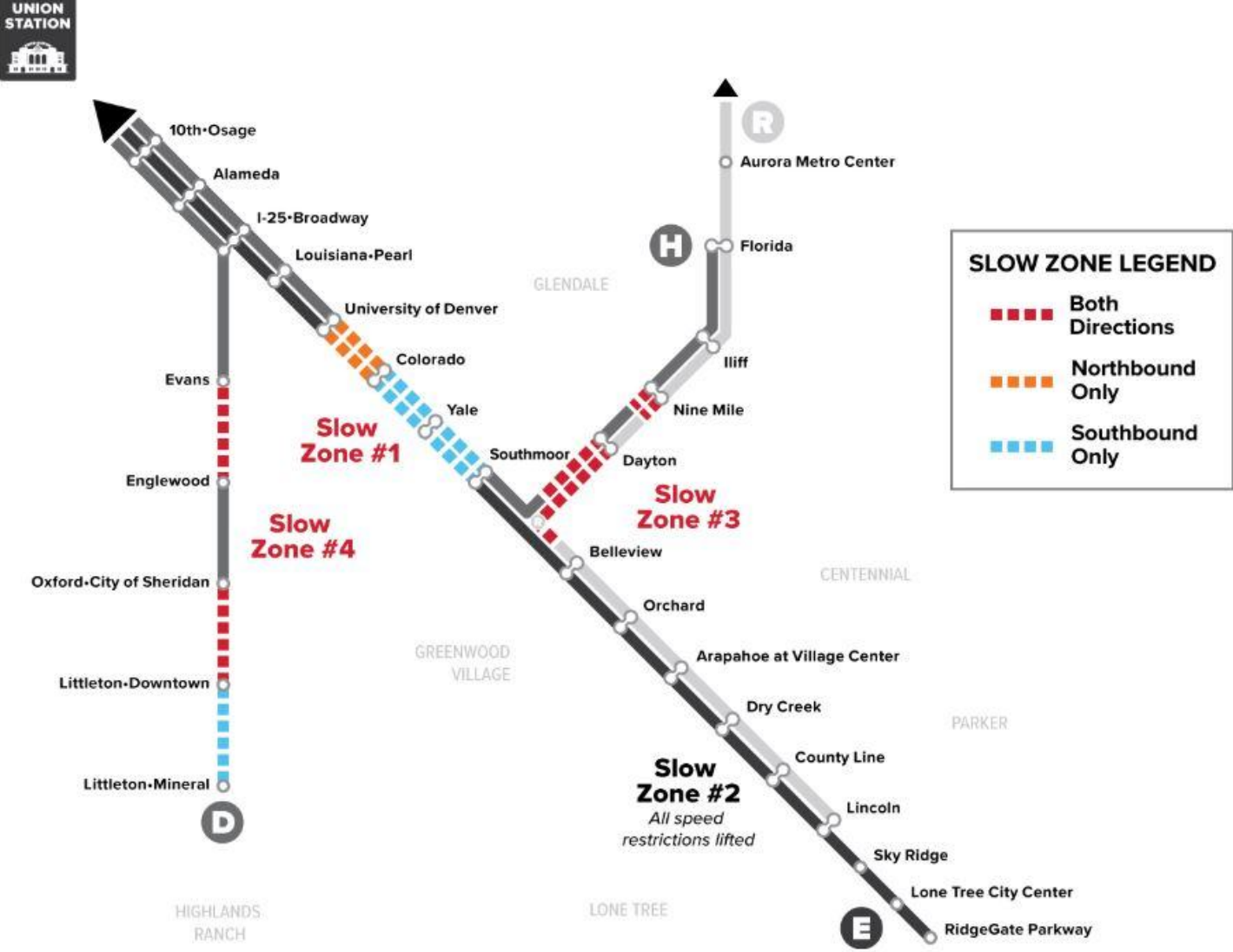
Five Points business owners are planning to lobby RTD & Federal representatives to remove L Line on Welton St!

Denver Council member Darrell Watson is on board.

GDT to mobilize. Start with community info gathering.



# Jan 10th - Light Rail Slow Zones



GDT continues to chronicle RTD's 2024 Light Rail Crisis on the website.



# CDOT / FRPR Fleet Procurement



FRPR and Mountain Rail projects are moving along.

Aggressive timeline to begin service - used equipment being highly considered.

Potential availability of used bi-mode equipment?



# CDOT / FRPR Fleet Procurement Cont.



If used equipment is either bought or leased, likely fleets would be very old

Horizon or Comet cars from Amtrak / NJ Transit / SEPTA / MBTA or Bombardier Bi-levels from other agencies

Risk: "Temporary" solutions can often become permanent.



# Over the Continental Divide...

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Rail support is stirring in Eagle County.

**Eagle County is preparing to formally ask CDOT to expand the Mountain Rail concept.**



# Western Rail Coalition News Coverage



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NEWS OUTDOORS PEOPLE OPINION COMM

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### Rail advocates push for passenger line to southeast, west of Eagle County Airport

By David O. Williams  
January 14, 2025, 11:12 am



A Stadler DMU train is about 75% quieter and cleaner than traditional diesel locomotives.

Passengers or petroleum products? That's one of the key questions being bandied about in a renewed effort to revive part of the long-dormant Tennessee Pass rail line linking southern Colorado to the state's Western Slope.

As the Polis administration continues to focus almost exclusively on planning for passenger rail in the northern Front Range and the northern mountains between Denver and Craig, some rail advocates, experts and elected officials are urging the state to study the out-of-service Union Pacific rail line between Pueblo and western Eagle County that last saw freight trains in 1997.

In late October, members of the recently formed **Western Rail Coalition** fired off a letter to Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) requesting the state conduct a **service development plan (SDP)** for light-rail-style passenger service on the Tennessee Pass line between Glenwood Springs and Leadville, connecting to the Eagle County Regional Airport.



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GRAND OPENING 4 NEW MODEL HOMES From the \$500s

### Passenger rail advocates push state to connect southern, western Colorado

DAVID O. WILLIAMS Special to The Gazette Jan 11, 2025 Updated Jan 12, 2025



Popular

- 1 Biden takes aim at 'tech industrial complex,' echoing Eisenhower
- 2 American Airlines flight attendant stabbed to death in downtown Denver during layover
- 3 Colorado Springs middle school to close after cracking, separation of walls and floors
- 4 D-49 becomes largest school district in El Paso County, D-11 sees big drop: State enrollment data
- 5 Lessons from L.A.: What Colorado Springs can learn about wildfire preparedness

MORE INFORMATION

Southbound I-25 south of Colorado Springs reopens after hours-long closure caused by jackknifed semi

EAGLE COUNTY • Passengers or petroleum products? That's one of the key questions being bandied about in a renewed effort to revive part of the long-dormant Tennessee Pass rail line linking southern Colorado to the state's Western Slope.

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THE COLORADO NETWORK

Real Vail Journalist David Williams published an update on rail efforts in Eagle County.

Assembled a robust picture of the opportunity for passenger rail in Eagle County.



# Eagle County Rail Task Force

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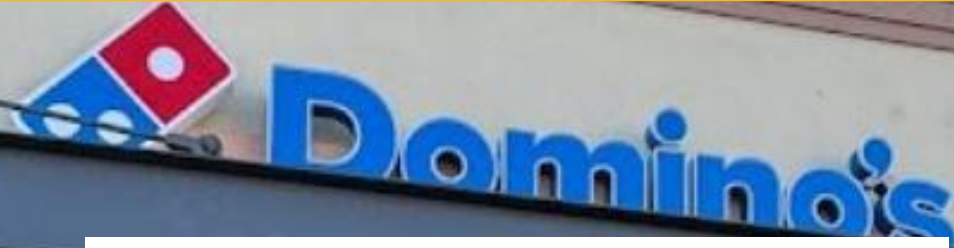
**Task Force now formed with the leadership of Matt Scherr, Board Chair of Eagle County Commissioners**



**All city jurisdictions now represented on the Steering Committee with Jeanne McQueeney as the designee for the county.**



# Pizza Fund: For Members Only



***venmo***

**\$3 for each piece of pizza.**





# Events



# New and Improved Winter Park Express!



**GDT hosts will be on-board:**

**Tomorrow**

**Sunday, January 19th**

**Sunday February 23rd**

**Sunday March 2nd**

**Sunday, March 16th**

**Sunday, March 30th**

**Ticket prices slashed to  
\$19/\$29/\$39 one way, half for  
kids.**

**From Jan 9th thru Mar 31st,  
train runs  
5 days a week (Thu - Mon).**

**GDT WPE transit adventure**

**Mar 2nd**

**BYOT - still \$29**

**There are more activities if  
not skiing.**



# Monthly Meetings

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6pm on 3rd Thursday  
of the month.

**Transit-oriented Drinks (ToD)**  
follow after!

Next meeting:  
**6pm Thursday February 20th**



# RTD Board of Directors Meeting



**Peak Service Study**  
Northwest Rail  
**Feasibility Study Update**

**Item XVI.2 - Discussion Item**

- XV. General Manager's Report
- XVI. Discussion Items
  - XVI.1. Accession Agreement Update
  - XVI.2. Northwest Rail Peak Service Feasibility Study Update
    - XVI.2.1. Livability Goals
    - XVI.2.1.1. 2030-2040 Year Comprehensive Model Analysis and Annual 100 Performance Assessment
    - XVI.2.1.2. 2030-2040 Year Comprehensive Model Analysis and Annual 100 Performance Assessment
    - XVI.2.1.3. 2030-2040 Year Comprehensive Model Analysis and Annual 100 Performance Assessment
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    - XVI.2.1.10. 2030-2040 Year Comprehensive Model Analysis and Annual 100 Performance Assessment

**Next board meeting:**  
**5:30pm Tuesday January 28th**  
**1660 Blake St**

**Please come and give**  
**public comment.**  
**Meet outside at 5:15pm**

**First one of the year!**



# Second Transit Oriented Board Games

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**1:00pm Sunday February 2nd**  
**451 Broadway, Denver, CO**  
**80203**

**Accessible via the 0, 6, 52,**  
**and 83L/D as well as from the**  
**Cherry Creek Bike Trail**

**All ages welcome! Transit and**  
**non-transit themed board**  
**games BYOBG**



# FRPR District Board of Directors Meeting



**Next board meeting:**  
**9am Friday, January 25th**  
**(Virtual only)**

**Please attend and give public  
comment to go bigger!**

**District must be pushed on  
FUNDING double-digit  
frequencies north AND south.**



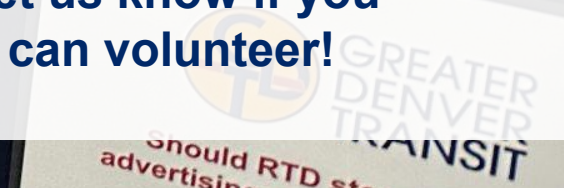
# GDT at the Rocky Mountain Train Show



**National Western Complex**  
Sat April 5th 9am-5pm  
Sun April 6th 9am-4pm

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

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





# Ride-Alongs!



**Tonight**  
Drinks at Terminal Bar  
at Union Station

Let us know your ideas for future  
ride-a-longs!



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. The sky is a mix of blue and white clouds, suggesting a clear day.

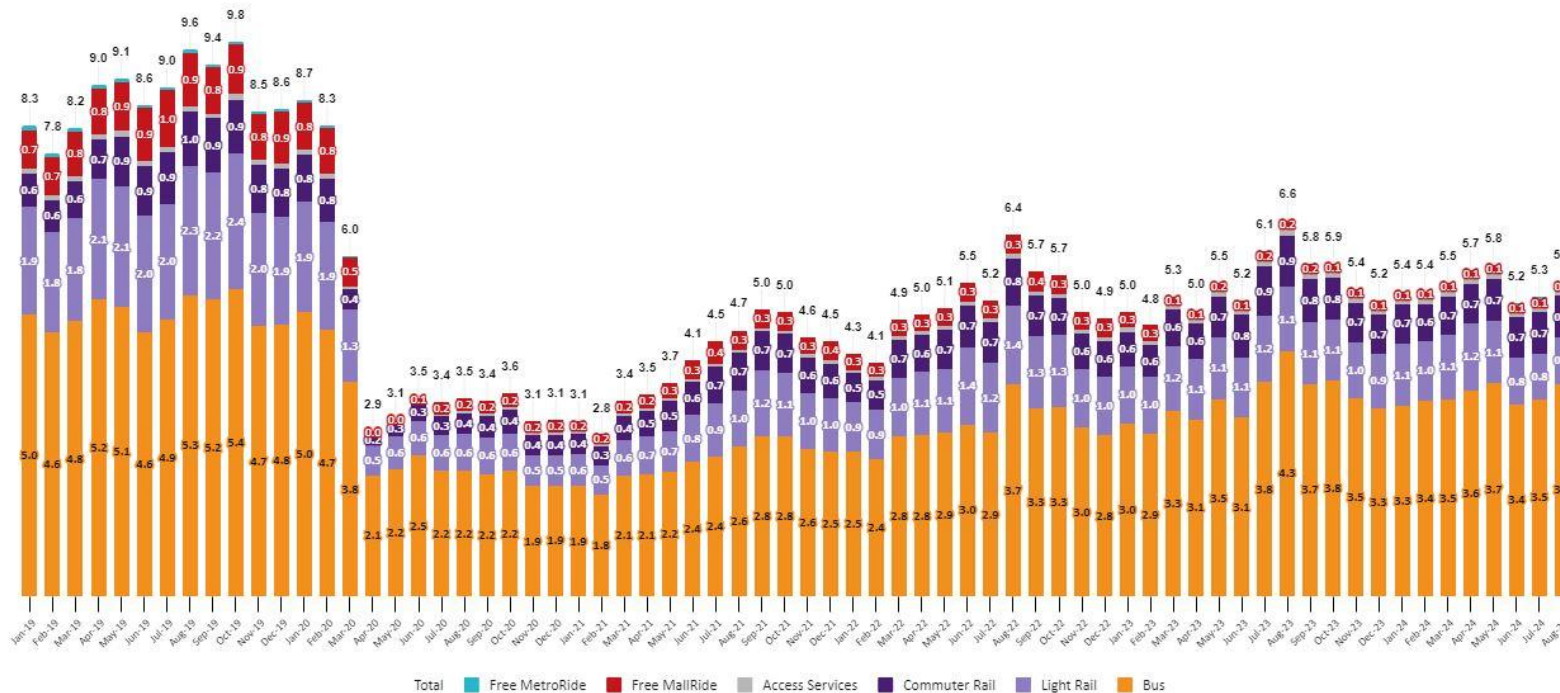
# Projects



# RTD Ridership Analysis - October 2024



RTD Ridership by Mode (millions of boardings)



YoY % Growth\*:  
 Bus: **+1% YoY**  
 Light Rail: **-19% YoY**  
 Heavy Rail: **-11% YoY**  
 Total: **-4% YoY**

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

October 2019  
**9.8m riders**

October 2020  
**3.6m riders**

October 2024  
**5.9m riders**



# RTD Operator Shortage - Data Issue



YoY Net Increase in Hiring\*:

Bus: **+147**

Light Rail: **+14**

Total: **+161**

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

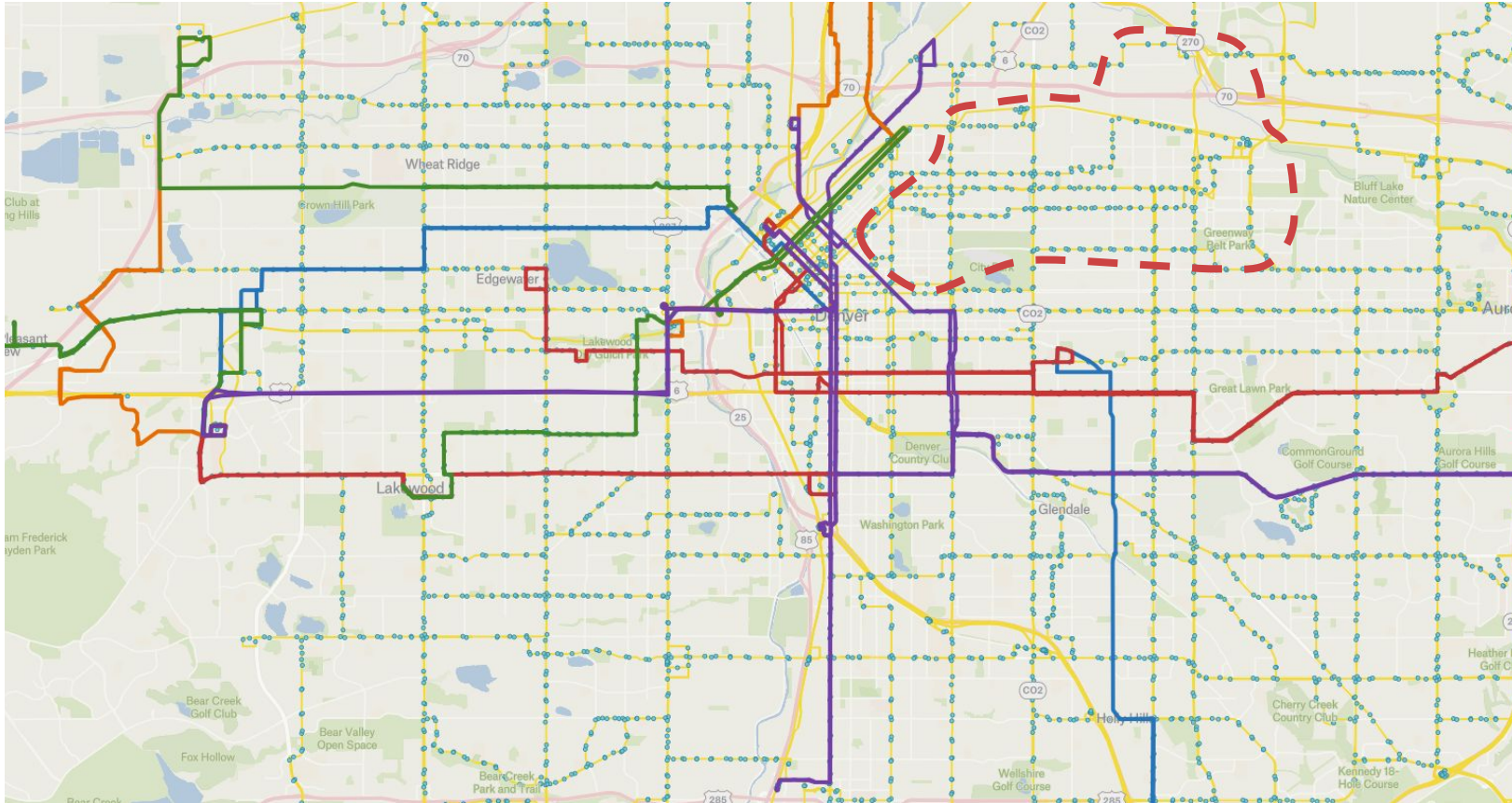
Bus: **-3 Vacancies**  
925 vs. **922 Budget**

Light Rail: **30 Vacancies**  
172 vs. 202 Budget

Bus+LRT: **27 Vacancies**  
1,097 vs. **1,124**



# Denver Bus Plan - Ongoing Route Analysis



## NEW! Ridership-based Frequency Findings:

153 (Chambers Rd), 30 → 15 min

**21 (Evans avenue), 30 → 15 min**

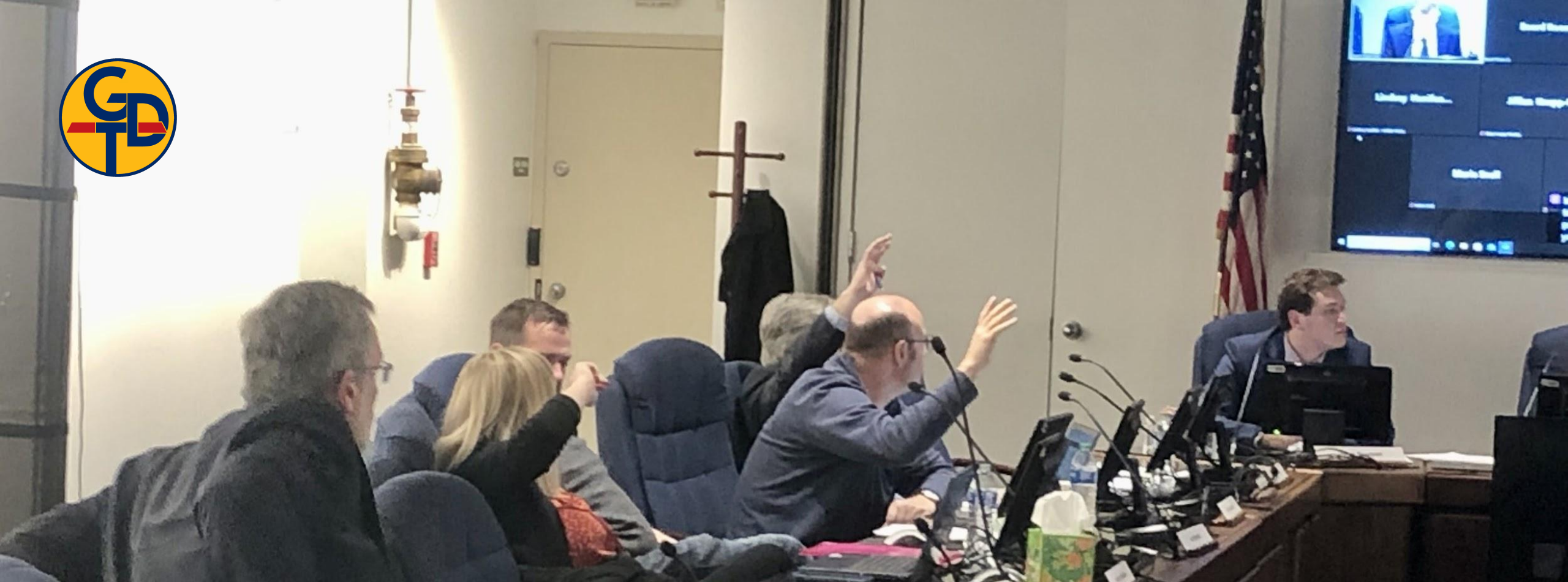
**11 (Mississippi Ave), 30 → 15 min**

51 (Sheridan), 30 → 15 min

76 (Wadsworth), 30 → 15 min

Reminder to send us (Keith/Cody/Joe) your observations and ideas for your local routes!





# Board Activity



# How Does the RTD Board Get Things Done?



**Item is placed on  
committee agenda**

**Committee Discussion**

**Staff Input / Consultation**

**Committee Action**

**Passed by Committee Vote**

**Executive Committee places  
item on Full Board Agenda**

**Full Board Discussion**

**Full Board Action**

**Passed by Full Board Vote**



# What Are The Committees?



## **Finance and Planning Committee**

Agency financial matters, including but not limited to budget and monthly financial statement review, determination of the fiscal impact of all Board actions, asset management, and long-range planning and capital projects.

## **Operations, Safety, and Security Committee**

Operational matters, including all contracted and non-contracted bus, rail, paratransit, and microtransit services, as well as safety and security matters

## **Performance Committee**

performance management of the General Manager and CEO and the GM/CEO's contract and annual comprehensive performance evaluation, as well as monitoring metrics as to the agency's performance related to the Strategic Plan success outcomes.

## **Executive Committee**

Public affairs, external relations, legislation, and ministerial matters affecting the Board.



# Board Action Activity



**Split into small groups. First, appoint a spokesperson to report back to the main group.**

**Select a motion item or suggest yourself.**

**What committee should the item be routed via?**

**What information (if any) do you need from staff? A simple memo or large report?**

**What is the action exactly? A resolution (in effect an order) or a request for staff to provide a plan?**

**What is your timeline by the month? If you started in February, when would the Full Board pass it?**



# Board Action Items



**Eliminate "vague scheduling"**

**Reinstate C and F Lines. Increase G, N and R Line Frequencies to 15 minutes**

**Update Service Planning Guidelines**

**Prohibit advertising wrap covering windows**

**Operators Communications Policy**

**Enhance monthly performance statistics**

**Static Rail and Bus Map**

**Rail / BRT to Bus Connections Policy**

**Or your group's suggestion?**





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