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Welcome to Inside RTD FasTracks—a monthly e-update to keep you informed about the progress of the Regional Transportation District's FasTracks program.

FasTracks News

May 9 marks grand opening of new RTD bus concourse

Mark your calendars...The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is poised to unveil its new underground bus concourse at **Union Station** at a public celebration on Friday, May 9. After years of construction as part of RTD's FasTracks program, the new bus concourse will feature 22 bus bays and several sustainable and state-of-the-art elements. The region is invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon followed by a daylong street festival at Union Station until 6 p.m. The Union Station Bus Concourse will replace downtown Denver's Market Street Station, which will close permanently after 30 years when daily bus service moves from Market Street to Union Station on Sunday, May 11.



[Read more about the Union Station renovation](#) and the new [bus concourse](#).

New free downtown bus service starts May 12

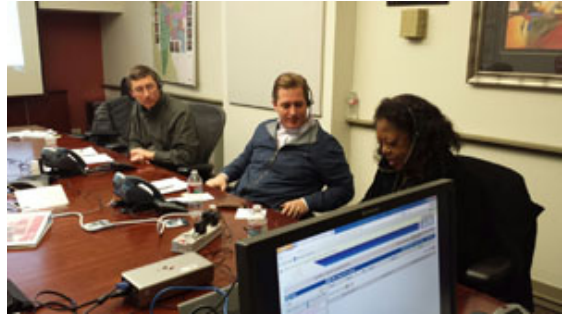


RTD crews are putting the finishing touches on bus canopies and stations for the official launch of RTD's new **Free MetroRide**. The new no-fare bus service will open to the public Monday, May 12. Free MetroRide buses will travel between Union Station and the Civic Center area along a 3-mile, roundtrip route on 18th and 19th streets during the peak hours of 6-9 a.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m. on weekdays. The purpose of the new route is to provide a quicker crosstown bus service that will act as a complementary service to RTD's longstanding 16th Street Free MallRide.

[Watch a video of a Free MetroRide canopy installation](#) and [Read more about Free MetroRide](#)

2014 Telephone Town Halls set for RTD Board of Directors

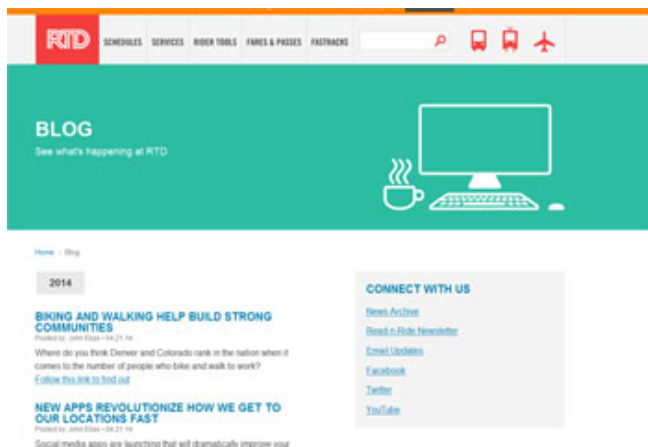
Residents across RTD's eight-county district will begin receiving phone calls next month from RTD Board Members to participate in the transit agency's next round of telephone town hall meetings. Each year, board directors host a series of telephone town hall meetings that give them the opportunity to speak directly with constituents about a broad spectrum of RTD-related issues including progress of the FasTracks program and other systemwide initiatives and achievements. This year's meetings will take place May 19 through June 19, starting with RTD Board of Directors Chair Chuck Sisk at 7 p.m. on May 19; Director Judy Lubow at 7 p.m. on May 21; and Director Barbara Deadwyler at 7 p.m. on May 28. We'll notify the public of June meetings in our May newsletter, so please stay tuned for more information.



Read more about the [RTD Board of Directors](#) and more about the [Telephone Town Hall Meetings](#)

FasTracks Feature

New blog gives you the scoop on RTD and FasTracks



RTD has launched a new blog that aims to share diverse perspectives and give the general public a peek into how things work in a large, urban transit agency. "From the Blog" launched in early April with an inaugural piece by RTD General Manager and CEO Phil Washington, who wrote about the 101 million ridership milestone RTD reached in 2013. Website administrators will post multiple blogs a week, so check out all of the exciting things happening across the RTD system and across Denver's burgeoning transit landscape.

[Here are all of the "From the Blog" entries so far this year.](#)

Project Updates

Read the latest news and updates about the [RTD FasTracks](#) rail and bus rapid transit projects:

[Central Rail Extension](#)

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[East Rail Line](#)

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[Gold Line](#)

[I-225 Rail Line](#)

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[North Metro Rail Line](#)

[Northwest Rail Line](#)

[Southeast Rail Extension](#)

[Southwest Rail Extension](#)

[U.S. 36 Bus Rapid Transit](#)

[West Rail Line](#)

RTD Board Meetings

The RTD Board holds regular meetings most Tuesdays. [Learn more...](#)

Calendar of Events

For a complete listing of upcoming events and activities, click [here](#).

Now Presenting

To schedule a FasTracks presentation for your group or organization, contact the FasTracks Public Information Team today at 303-299-6990.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit expansion program to build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver's historic Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county district. For more information about FasTracks, visit www.rtd-fastracks.com.

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