



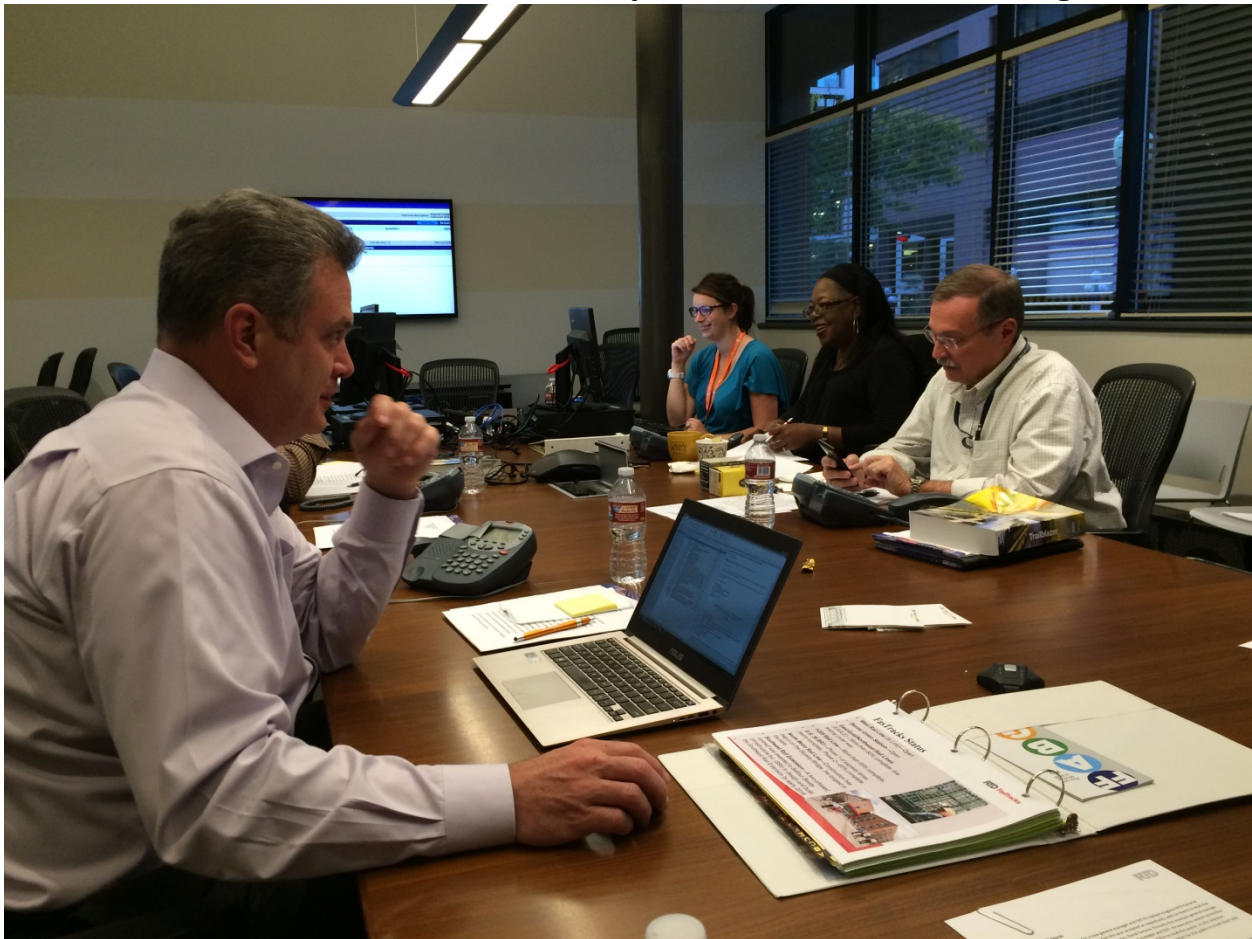
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Welcome to Inside FasTracks -- your monthly update about FasTracks news, progress and people

## FasTracks News

*Your RTD Board Director is calling...*

### RTD Board to host sixth annual telephone town hall meetings



A 2015 Telephone Town Hall session hosted by RTD Director **Barbara Deadwyler** takes questions from the public. Helping to answer questions from left to right are: **Greg Straight**, RTD FasTracks Eagle P3 project director; **Tara Bettale**, RTD FasTracks public information manager- Eagle P3 Project; Director Deadwyler; and **Bruce Abel**, RTD assistant general manager of bus operations.

The RTD Board of Directors will host a series of live, interactive telephone town hall meetings between March 28 and April 13 and they want to hear from you.

During RTD's sixth annual series of telephone town halls about 450,000 residents will be randomly called and invited to participate in the live event. You'll learn the latest about bus and rail services opening this year, including the University of Colorado A Line to Denver International Airport, FasTracks expansion program and other exciting RTD projects, which are improving mobility in the region.

If you are not called, there are several ways to participate in the interactive town halls:

- Call toll free **1-877-229-8493, ID No. 112070** for English
- Para español, llame gratuitamente al **1-877-203-5006; clave No. 112104**
- Sign up for any of the meetings by texting **“RTD” to 828282** for English
- También puede registrarse para participar en las reuniones en español enviando el texto **“TREN” al 828282**
- Or visit <https://vekeo.com/regional-transportation-district/> in advance to sign up and receive an email reminder

Fifteen sessions will be conducted and hosted by the director of his or her RTD district. See the full [schedule](https://vekeo.com/regional-transportation-district/). <https://vekeo.com/regional-transportation-district/>

Live streaming technology allows residents new ways to participate. Visit [here](#) for details on how to join meetings via computers and smart devices.

For more information about how you can participate, please visit [www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com).

## **Last rail tie on Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Line will be placed April 1**



*The last section of railroad ballast for the future R Line has been placed near the 13th Avenue Station in Aurora. Railroad ballast, or crushed stone, serves as a bed for railroad track. It also provides stability, drainage and support for rail vehicles.*

RTD will mark a significant milestone April 1 – no fooling – when the last rail and ties are placed on the Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Line.

When it opens as the R Line later this year, the 10.5-mile light rail line will extend between the existing Nine Mile Station at I-225 and Parker Road and the new Peoria Station, at I-70 and Peoria.

“With all track and ties on the ground, the entire line will be connected from end to end,” RTD Civil and Track Engineer Erik Haugen said. That event will occur three years after groundbreaking and construction began on the full line in March 2013.

In addition to track and tie work, crews are completing station platforms, installing relay houses and connecting traffic signals and overhead contact wires along the entire alignment.

Hagen said the construction team has installed 232,414 linear feet of rail and more than 40,000 ties, while spreading 108,384 tons of ballast to provide a safe and stable roadbed.

The R line, which will extend to Lincoln Avenue on the south, will connect riders with the University of Colorado A Line commuter rail trains at Peoria Station for access to Denver International Airport or Denver Union Station. Riders will also be able to board the R Line from eight stations: Peoria, Fitzsimons, Colfax, 13th Avenue, 2nd Ave. • Abilene, Aurora Metro Center, Florida and Iliff.

## **If you see something say something. Try RTD’s new free transit app**



The RTD Transit Watch app is a quick and easy way for RTD riders to anonymously communicate directly with RTD Transit Police about suspicious activity, ride problems at an RTD station, or while riding an RTD bus, rail line, or SkyRide.

With the free app, transit riders can either call RTD Transit Police or instantly send a photo or a text message about a ride problem or suspicious activity. The RTD Transit Watch app can be used throughout the RTD system, including underground stations.

In areas without cellular or Wi-Fi service, the app will store information sent by the user and will resend it when cellular or Wi-Fi connectivity returns. The RTD Transit Watch app also contains awareness training information. For more information and how to download: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/TransitWatch.shtml>

## **Still time to apply for a position on the RTD Citizens Advisory Committee – deadline March 31**

If you’re a resident of the eight-county Regional Transportation District (RTD) and are interested in public transit issues and community engagement, then you might be a candidate for one of five vacancies on the RTD Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

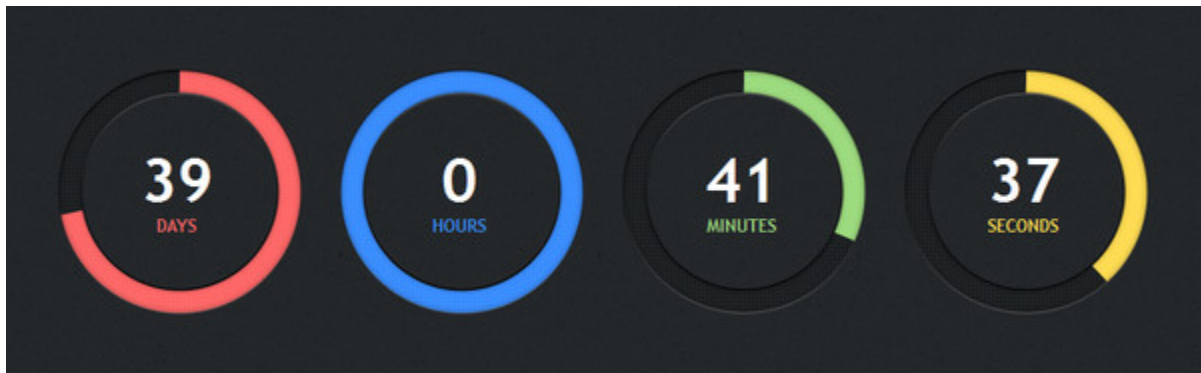
The 17-member CAC, which represents members from a wide variety of backgrounds, interests and professional experiences, advises the agency on its voter-approved FasTracks program and RTD on its strategies and initiatives. Plus, the group’s public outreach meetings keep metro-

area citizens informed of FasTracks progress and RTD programs and encourages input from local communities.

You may submit a letter of application to serve on the all-volunteer panel. Appointment is for a three-year term, with an opportunity for one reappointment thereafter.

Individuals interested in applying for a position on the CAC should submit letters of interest to [Leesly.Leon@rtd-denver.com](mailto:Leesly.Leon@rtd-denver.com). **Letters must be received by the close of business on March 31, 2016** and include a brief statement of interest in serving on the CAC, qualifications for serving and a resume. For more information [www.rtd-fastracks.com/main\\_11](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/main_11).

## Check out the countdown clock to the opening of the University of Colorado A Line—new commuter rail to the airport



The countdown clock to the opening of the new University of Colorado A Line commuter rail train to Denver International Airport is ticking away on the RTD website. Beginning April 22, riders will enjoy fast and frequent connections to the airport for \$9. Check out the clock here: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/index.shtml>

### New Transit Lines Opening in 2016



**University of Colorado A Line**, April 22



**B Line**, Summer



**G Line**, Fall



## R Line, Winter

Stay tuned for more [information](#) on the exciting opening of these transit lines.  
<http://www.rtd-denver.com/Fastracks.shtml>

### Progress Updates

[Central Rail Extension](#)

[Denver Union Station](#)

[Eagle P3 Project](#)

[East Rail Line](#)

[Free MetroRide](#)

[Gold Line](#)

[I-225 Rail Line](#)

[Maintenance Facilities](#)

[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.

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*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](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com). [Unsubscribe](#)*