

# inside **RTD FasTracks**



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

## FasTracks News



### **Peoria Station is only place where light rail and commuter rail trains meet on RTD FasTracks system**



*An R Line light rail train (left) undergoing testing and a University of Colorado A Line commuter train arrive simultaneously at Peoria Station near I-70.*

The Peoria Station, at Peoria and I-70, is the only place in the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) rail system where light rail and commuter rail trains will run side-by-side separated only by the station's platform where passengers transfer.

Later this year when the [R Line](#) opens, passengers will be able to ride to Peoria Station and transfer to the [University of Colorado A Line](#) to Denver International Airport or to [Union Station](#) in downtown Denver.

Another connection option will allow passengers to leave the airport on the University of Colorado A Line, transfer at Peoria Station and travel to Lincoln Station in the southeast corridor.

Light rail and commuter rail trains both offer service to and from Union Station, but the passenger platforms for the different trains are not adjacent to each other as they are at the Peoria Station.

In preparation for opening, the [R Line](#) light rail trains are currently undergoing a variety of tests to measure track clearances, train signal systems and electrical and communication systems.

Most of the testing occurs during off-peak and overnight hours.

Uniformed traffic officers are managing intersections where trains travel through.

Light rail trains on the R Line are running under their own power so anyone in close proximity needs to [stay safe, watch for moving trains and keep away from electrical wires.](#)



## Did you know...

- The Peoria Station has 550 parking spaces
- The light rail tracks at Peoria Station can store 15 trains
- Storm water runoff from the station and parking lot goes two places: half to the city and county of Denver and half to the city of Aurora

# RTD N LINE

## Construction crews on North Metro Rail Line uncover a century-old train trestle bridge



*This railroad trestle bridge dates back to 1911. It was recently discovered near 112th Avenue in Northglenn.*

Construction crews working on the [North Metro Rail Line](#) recently unearthed a railroad trestle bridge dating back to 1911 and tracks built in 1909. The area known as “Grange Hall” is south of the planned Northglenn•112th station. Regional Rail Partners was beginning a massive drainage project in the area when the old bridge was discovered. It was a 14-span, 109-foot-long bridge.

Construction was halted so historic preservationists could examine the find. Records indicate



the bridge was built to carry the Burnham Yard Lead over Grange Creek that flowed through the area in the early 1900s. Check out this [photo gallery](#). Preservationists decided the structure had no historical value, so construction work was resumed.

In 1951, Union Pacific piped Grange Creek and backfilled the area with an embankment, which buried the bridge.

The [North Metro Rail Line](#) will be an 18.5-mile electric commuter rail line running from Denver Union Station through Commerce City, Thornton and Northglenn to Highway 7 in north Adams County. Currently under construction are the first 13 miles from Union Station to the Eastlake•124th Station. It is scheduled for completion in 2018.

## New Transit Lines Opening in 2016



Flatiron Flyer, Jan. 3



University of Colorado A  
Line, April 22



B Line, July 25



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](#)

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[East Rail Line](#)

[Free MetroRide](#)

[Gold Line](#)

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[Maintenance Facilities](#)

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[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).*

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