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RTD Board agrees to move future light rail station

Progress continues on the FasTracks project and this time, it's on I-225. On June 25, the RTD Board of Directors approved a

request from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to relocate the planned Montview Station on the I-225 line to a new location on Fitzsimons Parkway. The request was made due to concerns of vibration and electromagnetic interference affecting sensitive research equipment at the current and future medical buildings near the site.

Scheduled to open in 2016, the I-225 Rail Line is a 10.5-mile light rail extension that will travel through the city of Aurora and make key connections to the Anschutz Medical Campus and the future VA Hospital. A new alignment and station site will be

determined with design underway by the end of the year. As we move forward with design and construction, we will continue to collaborate with our partners to ensure that our project meets the needs of the greater community.



SkyRide: the best-kept summer secret in your neighborhood

Summer is here and that means vacation travel. And did you know that there's a convenient way to get to DIA from your neighborhood without getting in your car? Let RTD do the driving and experience our SkyRide bus service. With 5 routes throughout the metro area, there's a SkyRide route just for you. It's fast, convenient, affordable, and closer

than you think. One-way fares are just \$9, \$11, or \$13 and with RTD's family friendly fares, up to three kids ride for free

with a fare-paying adult. So, the next time you're going out of town, discover what you've been missing.

Use your tokens by 12/31 or lose 'em

Do you have RTD tokens you haven't used? Well, dig through your drawers and sofa cushions because on January 1, 2014, we're no longer accepting tokens as fare payment. There are three types of tokens which vary in size, shape, design and value. Until December 31, 2013, tokens can be used for full or partial fare payment, with value from \$.25 to \$1.00.



As we streamline our fare products, we are eliminating tokens. You may use tickets and passes until we introduce our new smart card payment system, MyRide, during 2014. The smart cards contain a smart chip that will enable you to buy and electronically load RTD passes and cash, so paying your fare will get even easier.



Real-world heroes volunteer

A true hero is the person who in times of crisis pulls forth the strength to help his fellow man. At RTD, we understand the importance of people helping people, and through our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), we have trained volunteers throughout the region to take action in emergency situations that have helped save lives.

As a CERT volunteer, you will receive training to evaluate and assist others on any public transportation vehicle, in your neighborhood, workplace or even at home until first responders arrive. Join CERT today and attend our free three-day training course to learn medical operations, fire suppression, first aid and much, much more as you become a real-world hero. We are now enrolling for 2013 classes.

Keep it clean

Do you know what could be lurking in your water? Paint, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, and other household cleaners are a few common products that pollute our waters. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "the nation's largest water quality problem is storm water pollution" – the runoff from rain and melting snow that flows over sidewalks, streets, and parking lots picking up debris and pollutants that end up in our streams and rivers. These hazardous materials can cause unsafe drinking water, poison plant life, kill fish, and contaminate wildlife habitats.



As a sustainable, eco-friendly form of transportation, RTD is committed to preserving our natural resources. Join us in protecting our water by cleaning up after your pet, using fertilizers and pesticides with care, cleaning up litter, and recycling paint and automotive fluids. Together, we can make a difference. To find your nearest recycling center, visit recyclingcenters.org or call 1.800.CLEANUP (1.800.253.2687). To report illegal dumping at RTD Park-n-Rides or light rail stations, call 303.299.6000.



RTD report shows reduction in accidents

At RTD, safety is our number one priority, and we're committed to getting our passengers where they need to go safely and on time. And we have great news, RTD bus accidents are down! The 2012 Bus Accident Report, which tracks incidents by division, type of collision, direction of travel, location, hours on duty, and time of day, showed accidents decreased in nearly every category, with an overall 24 percent decrease from 2011. This significant decrease has been

attributed to a formalized review process, driver refresher training, implementation of the Partners in Safety program, and the increased vigilance of our bus operators.

Tip of the month

It's summertime and oh the places you can go with RTD light rail! We make it easy for you to get to all the things you want to do. Whether you're spending the day at an amusement park, catching a ballgame, or enjoying a night on the town at one of the metro area's special events, light rail is going your way. It's fast, comfortable, and

convenient with stops at Sports Authority Field at Mile High, the Pepsi Center, 16th Street Mall, and Denver Union Station, so hop on board and take the train to your next summer event.



Operator of the month, Donna Martinez

Each month, RTD encourages passengers to nominate a bus driver or light rail operator who goes above and beyond to make their experience memorable. This month's winning nomination goes to Route 28B driver, Donna Martinez. The 28B travels east and west from the Lakewood/Wadsworth Station to the Stapleton Park-n-Ride. Her nomination was submitted by Stacy Springston, who was impressed with Donna's friendliness. Read more about Donna

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country"
- Benjamin Franklin

Have a safe and happy Fourth

Important dates

- July** **RockiesRide to Coors Field**
- 3, 4** Rockies vs. LA Dodgers
Fireworks games
6:10 p.m.
- July** **Independence Day**
- 4** Holiday schedule
- Outlaws vs. New York Lizards**
Sports Authority Field
7:00 p.m.
- July** **Cherry Creek Arts Festival**
- 5-7** Cherry Creek Shopping District
- July** **Colorado Black Arts Festival**
- 12-14** Denver City Park
- July** **Board of Directors meeting**
- 16** RTD Administrative Offices
1600 Blake Street, Denver
5:30 p.m.
- July** **FasTracks public meeting**
- 18** Proposed Aviation Station
on East Rail Line
Green Valley Ranch
Recreation Center
4890 Argonne Way, Denver
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- July** **RockiesRide to Coors Field**
- 21, 22** Rockies vs. Chicago Cubs
See schedule for game times
- July** **Outlaws vs.**
- 27** **Chesapeake Bayhawks**
Sports Authority Field
Noon
- July** **RockiesRide to Coors Field**
- 27, 28** Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers
See schedule for game times
- July** **Colorado Dragon Boat**
- 27-28** **Festival**
Sloan's Lake Park



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