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Attend a public meeting on proposed August service changes

At RTD, we want to provide the best service and connections to get you where you need to go. And we need your input. Please plan to attend a public meeting about the planned August 18, 2013 service changes.

Meetings will be held in Boulder, Denver, Aurora, Golden, and Lakewood between June 10 and June 17. For more information, meeting dates, or details about the proposed changes, please visit our website or see the Proposed August 2013 Service Changes brochure on buses and light rail.

Northwest Area Mobility Study to offer key insights

The metro area ranks among the nation's most livable communities, but also one of the most congested. With the opening of the West Rail Line, and the East, Gold, North Metro and I-225 rail lines already in progress, RTD's next priority is to address the transportation needs and ease congestion in the northern communities with the planned Northwest Rail Line.

The longest of all the FasTracks projects, this 41-mile transit line would travel from Denver Union Station to Longmont, serving north Denver, Adams County, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville and Boulder. Due to increasing construction costs, the project cost has nearly doubled since FasTracks passed in 2004.

RTD's 13-month Northwest Area Mobility Study will help determine cost-effective improvements and explore several options, including regional bus rapid transit, alternate alignments to Longmont, and building a rail system a segment at a time as funds become available. The information will help RTD evaluate future funding opportunities, including public/private partnerships, which will allow the system to be built faster. Watch for future updates.

Get paroled from the pump on Dump the Pump Day

Are high gas prices getting you down? Get paroled from the pump by joining RTD and other public transit agencies across the nation for Dump the Pump Day on June 20. Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), Dump the Pump Day raises awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of public transit all year long.



By choosing to be car-free, you can save money, conserve gasoline, and help reduce harmful greenhouse gases. According to APTA, a two-person household can save an average of \$9,000 a year by downsizing to one car. And using public transit in the U.S. saves 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually or reduces our nation's carbon emissions by 37 million metric.

And if you're already using public transportation for your daily commute to work or school, save even more by hopping on board bus or light rail to shop, try out that new café, check out community events, or just visit friends. Calculate your gas savings using the public transportation fuel savings calculator.



Get ready for Bike to Work Day on June 26

Summertime is right around the corner. If you're considering riding your bike as part of your daily commute, then join RTD, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), and local sponsors for Bike to Work Day on June 26. This annual event provides commuters the opportunity to discover how riding your bike is good for your health, the environment, and your wallet.

As you ride to work or school, enjoy refreshments and fun giveaways at many locations throughout the metro area. And if you have a long commute, check out our Bike-n-Ride program to learn how to combine your bike ride with bus or light rail. So join the fun and register to win great prizes at Bike to Work Day.

RTD to donate vintage trolleys and buses

RTD has been getting people where they need to go since 1969, but bus service has been around as far back as the 1920's. In an effort to preserve this history, RTD acquired several vintage vehicles that included two Denver Tramway streetcars 107 & 329, Denver Tramway electric trolleys 519 & 553, Mack buses 132 & 140, and a British Briston double-decker bus.



The vehicles have been in storage for many years, and without the budget for extensive restoration or permanent display, RTD staff and the Board of Directors agreed that in the best interest of preserving this piece of transit history, a request of interest should be released to find a suitable home for the vehicles. As a result, RTD will donate the seven vintage buses and trolleys to Pikes Peak Historical Streetcar Railway Foundation, which will restore and preserve them for future display.

Tip of the month

Are you socializing with RTD? Like RTD on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on the latest RTD news, events, contests, detours, closures, and FasTracks construction updates.



Operator of the month,

Larry Richards

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 3 bus driver, Larry Richards. The 3 travels east and west from the Federal Center Station to the Centrepoint & Sable Transfer Center in Aurora. His nomination was submitted by Jugnu Ahluwalia, who was impressed with Larry's friendliness and excellent customer service. Read more about Larry

"Green was the silence, wet was the light, the month of June trembled like a butterfly."
- Pablo Neruda



Important dates

June 8 RockiesRide to Coors Field
Rockies vs. San Diego Padres
5:15 p.m.

Outlaws vs. Hamilton Nationals
Sports Authority Field
6:00 p.m.

June 9 RockiesRide to Coors Field
Rockies vs. San Diego Padres
2:10 p.m.

June 15-16 RockiesRide to Coors Field
Rockies vs. Philadelphia Phillies
2:10 p.m.

June 16 Father's Day

June 20 Dump the Pump Day

June 21 Make Music Denver
Downtown Denver
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

June 22 Outlaws vs. Ohio Machine
Sports Authority Field
6:00 p.m.

June 25 Board of Directors meeting
RTD Administrative Offices
1600 Blake Street, Denver
5:30 p.m.

June 26 Bike to Work Day
Refreshments @ Market Street Station
6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

June 29, 30 RockiesRide to Coors Field
Rockies vs. San Francisco Giants
2:10 p.m.

Outlaws vs. Charlotte Hounds
Sports Authority Field
7:00 p.m.

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