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# New MetroRide to debut in 2014

RTD's newest bus service, the Free MetroRide, will debut in downtown Denver next spring. This free bus service will complement the Free MallRide, and will provide passenger service between Union Station and Civic Center Station along 18th and 19th streets during rush hours. The 60-foot articulated buses will feature low floors and three doors for quick passenger loading and unloading. A bright, modern design will enable passengers to easily identify the buses and bus stops, and set them apart from other RTD bus routes. Stay tuned for future updates.

# Learn more about East Rail Line



### october events

04-06 Oktoberfest Denver
Ballpark Historic District
Larimer Street

05 BuffRide to Folsom Field
CU vs. Oregon
See schedule for game times

10 FasTracks Information Session East Rail Line



RTD FasTracks' <u>East Rail Line</u>, the commuter rail project between downtown Denver and DIA, opens in 2016. Join us to learn more about the line at an informational session on Thursday, October 10, 2013 from 11:00 - 1:00 at Market Street Station.

And on Saturday, October 12, 2013, join us for our annual East Rail Line open house from 11:00 - 1:00 at Swigert International School at 3480 Syracuse for hot dogs, hamburgers and fun for the whole family.

## RTD awarded safety grant



As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, RTD was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from Operation Lifesaver (OLI), in partnership with the Federal Transit

Administration (FTA) to promote rail safety. RTD was one of eight transit agencies to receive a portion of the nearly \$194,000 awarded by OLI and the FTA. The funding will be used for workshops, events, and other safety projects, including <a href="Partners in Safety">Partners in Safety</a> to raise community awareness.

# New I-225 rail alignment



In response to customer feedback, RTD's I-225 Rail Line project team has determined an alternative alignment for the future light rail line along Fitzsimons Parkway. The rail line will now follow the north side of the parkway to promote safe pedestrian access and minimize impacts to Sand Creek Park.

Once completed in 2016, the 10.5-mile light rail extension will travel between the existing Nine Mile Station and the future Peoria Station.

Market Street Station 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### 12 FasTracks Open House East Rail Line

Swigert International School 3480 Syracuse Street, Denver 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

# 13 BroncosRide to Sports Authority Field

Broncos vs. Jacksonville Jaguars 2:05 p.m.

### 14 Columbus Day

Weekday bus and light rail service

#### 20 Rock 'n Roll Denver Marathon Civic Center Park

26 BuffRide to Folsom Field CU vs. Arizona

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### 27 BroncosRide to Sports Authority Field Broncos vs. Washington Redskins 2:25 p.m

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

31 Halloween

## operator of the month



This month, RTD recognizes Route 44 driver, Joshua Dieu, who was nominated by passenger DeAnna Theiss for his excellent customer service. Joshua drives the 44 from Applewood Village to the Airport Blvd & 40th Avenue Park-n-Ride. Read more about Joshua.

# tip of the month



# Share your ideas on our customer panel



If you're a regular bus or light rail rider who wants to share your ideas to improve RTD and shape the future of transit, then apply for the RTD 2014 customer panel. The 15-member panel meets four times a year on policies, procedures, products and services.

Panel members receive a free Regional monthly pass for each meeting they attend and a free annual Eco Pass for the following year if they attend all four meetings. Apply by December 13, 2013.

Do you want to receive the most up-todate information from RTD? Sign-up to receive rider alert notifications, special promotions, FasTracks construction updates, e-newsletters and more at <u>rtd-denver.com/stayintouch</u>.

did you know?



The East Rail Line to DIA, the Gold Line to Arvada and Wheat Ridge, and the first segment of the Northwest Rail Line to Westminster are now halfway complete. Scheduled to open in 2016, the three lines and a commuter rail maintenance facility are being built as part of the <a href="Eagle P3">Eagle P3</a> commuter rail project.

catch you at the game



Check out what you need to know to get to the game all season long on bus and light rail.



We're hanging out online. Come say hello!

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