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# Welcome to Denver!



Welcome to Denver! On behalf of the close to 3,000 dedicated public servants I represent as General Manager and CEO of the Regional Transportation District, I thank you for your time, your work and your interest in improving the dynamic field of public transit through your participation in the MAX Program. The leadership skills you will gain, the personal connections you will establish and your sharing of best practices are second to none.

As our industry's leaders look toward the future, much remains unknown – but one unshakable reality is that we are best suited to meet the public's needs by doing so together. Each new collaboration and initiative we embark upon can offer lasting lessons about mobility delivery in an age where change is a constant. I am excited about the work taking place in this spirit at RTD, from a forthcoming, comprehensive look at our system to the debut of a route featuring an autonomous vehicle to collaborations with mobility platforms Uber and Lyft. Each of these efforts is redefining what it means to offer transit service.

The people gathered around you this week hold a wealth of knowledge – and so do you.

Learn from each other. Lean on one another. The future of transportation depends on your good work.

With gratitude,

Dave Genova  
General Manager and CEO,  
Regional Transportation District



## Arrival Tour Times

- ▶ RTD Contacts: Nathan Lindsay (913.602.0370) or Pam Kachka (303.596.8970)
- ▶ After collecting your bags, follow the signs to exit the terminal at the Westin Hotel and the RTD Travel Center. Continue straight ahead to the open platform under the Westin Hotel arch where an RTD host will greet you and conduct a tour from the airport to the hotel.
- ▶ The following pages provide the tour schedules.
- ▶ If your name is absent, it means you arrive earlier than Sunday. If you want the tour, feel free to travel to the airport via the University of Colorado A-Line, ride the escalators up, and take a U-turn at the top to find the tour group.
- ▶ If you need to make your way to the hotel independently of a tour, tap your card at the airport rail station to validate it and take the University of Colorado A Line to Union Station. From Union Station, walk to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and grab a Free MallRide from the west side of 16<sup>th</sup> street. Disembark at Tremont Place and the Brown Palace will be a block-and-a-half to the west.



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## 10:45 Tour

Name	Agency	Arrival Time
Elezanbee Vue	LA Metro	9:45
Jose Paz		9:57
Arturo Ramirez		10:00
Melissa Gomez	Sound Transit	10:00



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## 11:45/12:00 Tour

Name	Agency	Arrival Time
Sarah Bohlen	LA Metro	11:10
Ahmed Idrees		
Rahul Nagalkar		
Candace Toth		
MB Finnerty	Valley Metro	11:11
Hillary Foose		
Omar Peters		



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## 12:30/12:45 Tour

Name	Agency	Arrival Time
Rhonda Dixon	Sound Transit	11:46
Tito Harris		
Dan Dzyacky	LA Metro	11:56
Raven Wilson		12:03

## 1:30 Tour

Name	Agency	Arrival Time
Bahram Chaudhry	LA Metro	12:35
Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez		
Tyler Olson	Valley Metro	12:45





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## 2:30 Tour (Last Call!)

Name	Agency	Arrival Time
Susanna Hernandez	Valley Metro	1:50
Willie Marks		
Jose Rodriguez		
Joe Scholz		
John Williams		

## Notes about the Agenda (1 of 2)

- ▶ You are invited to be selfish. If there is anything that Nathan or Pam can do to facilitate an impactful experience, let us know as soon as you think of it. The more time we have, the more likely it is that we can accommodate your request.
- ▶ Breakfast is set for early delivery, so when the main doors are open at 7:30 it will be waiting for you.
- ▶ Tuesday is a tour day, all day. Be prepared to carry with you whatever you bring because once we leave, we are gone for the day. Tuesday night is a board meeting night and the room we use is the meeting space for the public board meetings, so the room will be cleared completely Tuesday afternoon.
- ▶ Wednesday's breakout sessions were reduced by one (sorry, no more planning presentation). If you plan to attend the In The Grip session regarding your MBTI and do not yet have your MBTI Type, see the Links page at the end of this document.

## Notes about the Agenda (2 of 2)

- ▶ Remember to bring \$10.00 (if you are able to) for the Coalition Bargaining Agreement exercise on Wednesday.
- ▶ Thursday the day ends in Boulder, Colorado. You will have the option of returning to Denver immediately at the end of the tour or staying in Boulder to explore on your own before making your way back to Denver via RTD services.
- ▶ Friday we will wrap at noon and have portable snacks available for easy consumption if you are going directly to the airport.
- ▶ The listening devices we use for the tours are not Bluetooth equipped and only accept a 3.5 mm plug. If you have a compatible ear piece, you are encouraged to bring your own.

## Notes about Denver

- ▶ The altitude can be sneaky. Start drinking water now – early hydration is the best defense against most altitude issues.
- ▶ It is officially allergy season. The trees are releasing their pollen, so take note if you are sensitive to spring allergy conditions.
- ▶ The main part of downtown is oriented with the 45<sup>th</sup> meridian and the river, so we have a NW – SE orientation, not a N – S orientation. If you find yourself turned-around, remember that the mountains are west and higher-number streets are east.

## Using your Transit Passes

- ▶ Your passes are Tap passes, so any time you board a bus or are at a rail station, you need to tap a validator for that segment.
- ▶ They are already active and are valid through the Monday after our week in case you are staying to play in Colorado.



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## Getting to Blake Every Day

Our administrative offices are at 1660 Blake Street – we try to not out-clever ourselves with our building nicknames.

### Using the Free Mall Ride from your hotel to Blake:

Take a left out of the main doors of the hotel and walk to 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Board a Free MallRide and ride one block past Blake to Wazee

Walk back a block to Blake

Turn left and walk to 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Cross Blake at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and enter the construction tunnel

Jaywalking on Blake is closely monitored

We have CLEARLY and REPEATEDLY been instructed to only cross at the 17<sup>th</sup> street intersection. I know. I've seen me do this and be...scolded...

### Using the MetroRide from your hotel to Blake:

Take a right out of the main doors of the hotel to 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway

Cross Broadway to the MetroRide sign and board a MetroRide to 18<sup>th</sup> and Market

Walk one block further to Blake.

Cross Blake at 18<sup>th</sup> Street at Blake Street and enter the construction tunnel

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## Getting into Blake Every Morning

- The front doors unlock at 7:30. We will watch the doors as best we can prior to that to let early arrives in – be prepared, you may have to wait a few minutes.
- Once you enter the building, the receptionist will open the security panels for you. Once through, turn to your left and check-in with the security guard. He will direct you to our meeting room on the lower level of the building.
- **ANY** time you enter the building with a bag, you will need to go through the security scanner. If you leave for a Starbucks run on break (for example) and return without a bag, you are clear to bypass security with your RTD MAX badge.



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## Current Weather Forecasts – Take your pick

### The Weather Channel

SUN APR 7		Sunny	64°/42°	0%
MON APR 8		Partly Cloudy	72°/44°	0%
TUE APR 9		PM Showers	65°/40°	40%
WED APR 10		Showers	47°/33°	50%
THU APR 11		Snow to Rain	46°/30°	40%
FRI APR 12		PM Showers	49°/34°	40%

### AccuWeather

MON APR 8	TUE APR 9	WED APR 10	THU APR 11	FRI APR 12
68°/45°	66°/34°	58°/36°	57°/33°	67°/34°
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun



## The Sli.do App

- We will use the Sli.do app throughout the week for audience participation and engagement.
- Before you arrive, please download the app from your app store. There is no activation nor any other steps to take before arrival – just download the app so you have it ready to access first thing Monday morning.

## MBTI Options

- If you plan to attend the *In the Grip* breakout with Pam, please bring your Myers-Briggs type.
- If you do not have the official report, here are two free Websites that do a pretty good job of providing a similar result to Myers-Briggs: <https://www.16personalities.com> or <http://www.humanmetrics.com/personality>