



MAX Program

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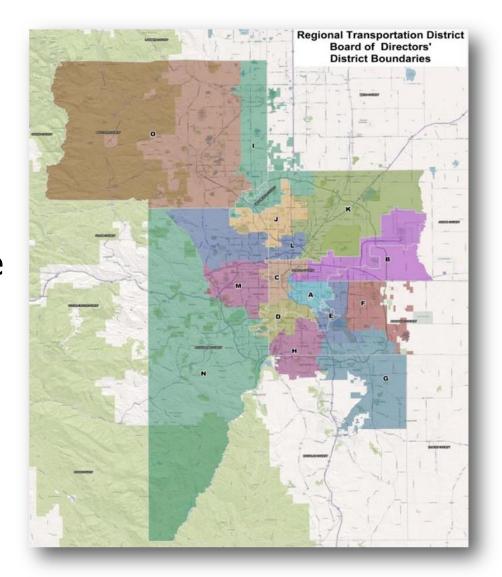
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RTD Profile



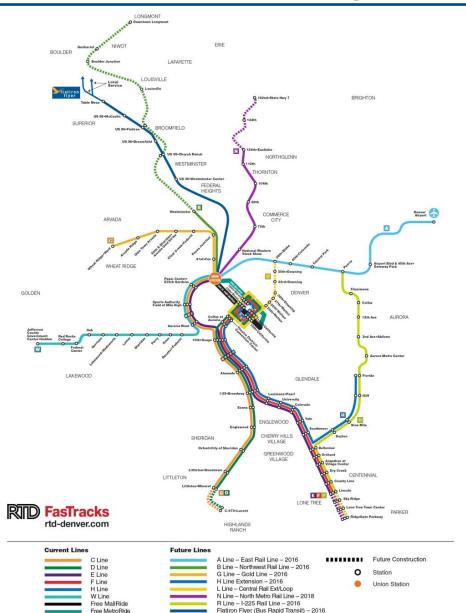
- Created in 1969 by Colorado General Assembly
- Operates bus, light rail and commuter rail
- Region of 3 million people
- 2,400 square-mile service area
- 40 cities in 8 counties
- 15-member elected board





RTD by the Numbers





- Annual ridership: 101 million
- 10 rail lines in operation
 - 8 light rail
 - 2 commuter rail
- 1 BRT line
- 2 pending commuter rail lines
- 4 future rail extensions (unfunded)
- Nearly 3,000 employees



RTD by the Numbers







- 140 fixed routes
- 1,400 buses, FlexRide and ADA vehicles
- 172 light rail vehicles
- 66 commuter rail vehicles
- 10,000 bus stops
- 80+ Park-n-Rides
- 31,000 parking spaces



FasTracks Program



- .4 sales tax increase 2004
- 122 miles of new light rail and commuter rail
- 18 miles of bus rapid transit (BRT)
- 31 new Park-n-Rides; 21,000+ parking spaces
- Enhanced bus network
- Redevelopment of Denver Union Station
- 57 new rail and/or BRT stations
- Opportunities for Transit-Oriented Communities









Denver Union Station



- \$484 million project
- Multimodal hub integrating light rail, commuter rail, Amtrak, buses, taxis, shuttles, bikes and pedestrians
- Partners include RTD, Colo. Department of Transportation, City and County of Denver, Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Bus concourse opened in May 2014
- Historic building opened in 2014 as boutique hotel, restaurants and shops





Eagle P3 Project



- East Rail Line (University of Colorado A Line), Gold Line (G Line), first segment of Northwest Rail (B Line) and commuter rail maintenance facility
- Project cost \$2.2 billion
 - \$1.03 billion funded by federal grant





Eagle P3 Project



- RTD pursued concept of P3 in 2007
 - "The Perfect Storm": Costs skyrocketed, revenues plummeted
- First transit P3 of this magnitude in the U.S.
- RTD retains ownership of assets
- 34-year contract
 - 6 years design/build
 - 28 years operate/maintain
- More public entities are turning to P3s to build out their projects

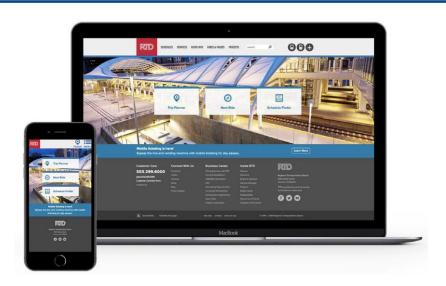




RTD Communications Department



- 140 staff members
 - Community Engagement
 - Customer Care
 - Government Relations
 - Marketing
 - Marketing Communications
 - Creative Services
 - Digital Communications
 - Market Research
 - Special Events/Projects
 - Market Development
 - Project Outreach
 - Public Relations







RTD Challenges





RTD's G Line is still not open despite plans to start service more than 2 years ago

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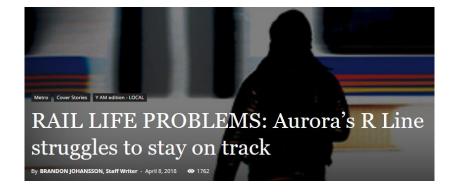
RTD lawsuit reveals problems with A Line before 2016 opening

The back-and-forth quarrel between RTD and its partner on the A and G commuter rail lines continues.

NEWS > COLORADO NEWS

Feds threaten RTD over A-Line crossing gate problems

Regulators tell RTD to act with a "sense of urgency" in finding a remedy



Passenger ejected, seriously hurt when RTD light rail train derails in Aurora

Eyewitness: 'This isn't going to be pretty.'

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RTD: Speed caused Aurora derailment that severed woman's leg; operator fired

R-Line light rail train was going too fast as it approached a curve, agency says





RTD Opportunities



- Two rail line openings
 - G Line April 26
 - E, F, R Line Extensions May 17
- Refreshed RTD brand
 - Inspired through MAX Program
- 61AV pilot project
- Uber and Lyft collaborations
- Regional mobility integrator
- Trailblazers for the industry

















Building image, trust, transparency



- Design a Strategic Communications Plan
- Build a proactive media strategy
- Be open and own the good, the bad and the ugly
- Establish a unified and consistent voice for the agency
- Empower all staff to own their role as agency ambassadors
- Be bold messagers and messengers
- Celebrate 50th anniversary and RTD's history of making transit history







Thank you. Questions?