



RTD Board approves budget for operation of the N Line by the agency

DENVER (Oct. 17, 2017) – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors approved the 2018 six-year Strategic Budget Plan (SBP) and FasTracks Annual Program Evaluation (APE) that includes operation of the N Line commuter rail line by the agency rather than the contractor Denver Transit Partners.

The SBP and APE are RTD's financial plans that are updated annually. Information from the first year of the SBP and APE serve as the basis for the annual budget. During the budget planning process, operating costs are estimated and capital projects are developed to support the goals and objectives of RTD.

"Staff has provided a fiscally responsible recommendation for operation of the N Line," said RTD Board Chair Larry Hoy. "Approval of this budget is the right decision for the region that ensures that we are wisely using taxpayer dollars".

The N Line project team previously conducted a comprehensive analysis of the options for operations and maintenance (O & M) of the rail line. Staff presented these options to the RTD Board Operations and Customer Service Committee back in September.

Although the concession agreement with Denver Transit Partners (DTP) assumed DTP would provide O & M on the N Line, RTD provided due diligence in vetting all options. Staff is confident the RTD option adheres to the agency's intrinsic values and goals. RTD will continue collaborating with its contractor DTP to ensure safe and efficient commuter rail service throughout the district.

The [N Line](#) is an 18.5-mile electrified commuter rail line, with 13 miles currently funded from Denver Union Station to Eastlake-124th Station. It will connect Denver and Adams County by serving Commerce City, Northglenn and Thornton, and is part of the FasTracks program.

ABOUT RTD

The Regional Transportation District develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the transit needs of close to 3 million people within an eight-county service area in the Denver Metro region. The agency's buses, rail lines, shuttles and additional services provide 100 million annual passenger trips. For more information, visit rtd-denver.com, call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: www.facebook.com/RideRTD, [@RideRTD](https://twitter.com/RideRTD) on Twitter, [@ridertd](https://www.instagram.com/ridertd) on Instagram and [rideRTDco](https://www.youtube.com/rideRTDco) on YouTube.

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