



R Line Opening Announcement Key Messages

- The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is pleased to announce the opening of its newest light rail line - the R Line is scheduled to open on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017.
- The 10.5-mile light rail extension through Aurora will serve the Aurora Metro Center, University of Colorado at Anschutz Medical Campus, Fitzsimons Life Science District and the VA Hospital.
- This will be the fourth transit line RTD will open within the last fourteen months.
- RTD has successfully completed integrated testing which includes testing the train and traffic interface equipment at all crossings and intersections.
- Pre-revenue training and testing is currently underway.
- RTD has successfully operated light rail trains for more than twenty years.
- The R Line is part of RTD's 2004 voter-approved FasTracks plan to expand transit across the Denver metro region.
- The R Line connects to University of Colorado A Line at Peoria Station for access to Denver International Airport or Denver Union Station.
- The R Line will travel between Peoria Station and Lincoln Station, providing service to 16 stations in total. The R Line brings eight new stations with four new Park-n-Rides.
- Service on the R Line is planned to run every 15 minutes during peak hours and every 30 minutes in non-peak hours.
- The Iliff Station parking facility is privately owned and operated by the City of Aurora. The 600-space, two-story garage is equipped with six electric vehicle charging stations and offers quick and efficient parking options serving the Iliff Station for light rail. Parking rates are \$3 daily and \$50 monthly (guarantees a space for permit holders between 5 and 10 a.m. weekdays). Adjacent on-street parking is also available for commuters for a fee.
- The 22-mile R Line is a local fare since the entire line is located within two fare zones.
- In 2019, the R Line will extend 2.3 miles south to RidgGate Parkway when the Southeast Rail Extension opens for service.

- The H Line light rail route will also be extended from Nine Mile Station to Florida Station with the opening of the R Line. This extension adds a walk up station and a new Park-n-Ride at Iliff Station for H Line riders.
- The H Line allows for convenient connections to downtown Denver.
- There are 16 at-grade crossings along the I-225 rail line, some of which will have gates and signals.
- Safety is RTD's number one priority. Remember to always stay alert around buses and trains.