

NEWS ADVISORY



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RTD invites media to preview the N Line on Sept. 17

Local dignitaries will be available for interviews during tour of agency's newest commuter rail line

DENVER (Sept. 9, 2020) – The [Regional Transportation District \(RTD\)](#) next week will offer members of the news media an advance look at its newest commuter rail line, the N Line, serving Denver, Commerce City, Northglenn and Thornton.

The N Line opens to the public on Sept. 21. It includes six new stations and 2,480 new parking spaces along a 13-mile corridor between Union Station and Eastlake•124th Station, the current end-of-line stop. An end-to-end trip will take about 29 minutes. The entire 18.5-mile N Line is part of RTD's 2004 voter-approved FasTracks program to expand transit across the Denver metro region. The remaining 5.5 miles of the corridor will be built as funds become available.

Rides on the N Line will be free to the public Sept. 21-27. Starting Sept. 28, a promotional pilot program will begin, enabling the public to ride the entirety of the line for a \$3 Local fare for its first six months of operation. After that, the line will follow RTD's overarching structure for Local and Regional fares.

The N Line is the first electrified commuter rail line that RTD will operate. RTD maintains and operates all of the agency's light rail and bus service.

Helpful newsgathering resources are available on the [N Line webpage](#) and the [N Line online media kit](#), which includes fact sheets, graphics and still images.

What:

Pre-revenue service tour of an N Line train, between Eastlake•124th Station and Union Station, enabling reporters and photographers to capture material and conduct interviews

Available for interviews:

RTD Board Chair Angie Rivera-Malpiede
RTD Board Director Vince Buzek, District J
RTD Board Director Judy Lubow, District I
RTD Board Director Troy L. Whitmore, District K
Mayor Michael B. Hancock, City of Denver (*invited*)
Mayor Benjamin Huseman, Commerce City (*invited*)
Mayor Meredith Leighty, City of Northglenn
Mayor Jan Kulmann, City of Thornton

Roger Wilson, Project Manager, Regional Rail Partners (RRP)
Chuck Culig, Project Manager, RTD
Paul J. Ballard, RTD Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

When:

Thursday, Sept. 17
10-11:15 a.m. (train departs promptly at 10 a.m.)
Check-in and interviews begins at 9:30 a.m.

Where:

Eastlake•124th Station, 12500 Claude Court, Thornton, CO 80241

RSVP:

Please email mediarequests@rtd-denver.com by Monday, Sept. 14, with the names and titles of those who will be attending.

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance will be limited. Because of COVID-19 safety considerations, **RSVPs are required for all attendees of this event. No exceptions will be granted.**

COVID-19 safety guidelines:

Attendees will be required to complete a waiver and temperature check on site and wear a face covering at all times.

Media outlets will be assigned to a rail car by RTD staff and must maintain appropriate social distancing while on board.

All interviews must be completed outside, on station platforms.

RTD staff will be monitoring for appropriate social distancing outdoors of 12 feet.

This event will be the sole official opportunity RTD offers news agencies to capture their own still images, video footage and interviews. The opening ceremony on Sept. 21 will be limited to dignitaries only because of pandemic-related restrictions on attendance. However, that event will be livestreamed on RTD's Facebook page, and still images and B-roll from the event will be added to the N Line online media kit as soon as possible.