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RTD leaders will speak to safety, security in public meetings next week

Virtual sessions, on June 24 and 25, will allow plenty of time for questions

DENVER (June 15, 2021) – As pandemic restrictions lift and people who have not been using <u>Regional Transportation District (RTD)</u> services consider a return to the system, the agency recognizes that people have questions. The public is invited to attend **"Welcome Back to RTD: A Conversation About Safety and Security,"** two virtual meetings next week that will allow people to speak directly with key RTD leaders in safety, security and operations.

RTD has worked tirelessly on the public's behalf and maintained stringent safety protocols throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with local, regional and national guidance. Leaders will describe the agency's approach to various safety- and security-related considerations, including masking requirements, cleaning protocols and RTD's expectations of its customers.

Both meetings will feature the following RTD leaders:

- Mike Meader, chief safety and security officer
- Bob Grado, transit police chief
- Michael Ford, chief operations officer
- Fred Worthen, assistant general manager of bus operations
- Dave Jensen, assistant general manager of rail operations

Also taking part will be **Danielle Jones**, social worker and certified psychiatric rehabilitation practitioner, who can speak to RTD's co-responder program with the Mental Health Center of Denver. In addition, a stable of inhouse leaders will be on hand to provide specifics about vehicle airflow and maintenance.

To attend either of the meetings, please use the following Microsoft Teams credentials:

5 p.m. Thursday, June 24

Click here to join the meeting

Or call 720-443-6193 (audio only; phone conference ID: 130 829 417#)

Noon on Friday, June 25

Click here to join the meeting

Or call 720-443-6193 (audio only; phone conference ID: 242 460 635#)

Public health officials have said over the course of the pandemic that <u>buses and trains remain safe modes of transportation</u>, provided that customers follow the basics, which include wearing a face covering and practicing good hygiene.

To learn more about how RTD has kept customers and employees safe during the pandemic, visit <u>rtd-</u>denver.com/coronavirus.

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. RTD's buses, rail lines, shuttles and additional services provide approximately 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 on Twitter, @@ridertd on Instagram and rideRTDco on YouTube. For the most current RTD news, visit the News Stop, at rtd-denver.com/news-stop.

