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RTD commemorates the University of Colorado A Line grand-opening ceremony and celebration

RTD's train to the plane to open Friday, April 22

DENVER, April 15, 2016 – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and its many partners will kick off a weekend of the University of Colorado A Line celebrations with a series of ribbon cuttings and the Grand-Opening Ceremony at the Denver International Airport, Denver Airport Station Friday, April 22, at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will include remarks from RTD General Manager and CEO Dave Genova, and elected officials, including members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation, Gov. John Hickenlooper, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan and RTD First Vice Chair Larry Hoy. Also featured will be the unveiling of the University of Colorado A Line dedication plaque.

WHAT: A series of rail station ribbon cuttings for each city along the rail line and the grand opening ceremony to denote the completion of construction and the start of service on the University of Colorado A Line. This formal ceremony officially commemorates the historic day.

WHEN AND WHERE: Friday, April 22

- Denver Union Station
 - 7:30 a.m. — Train pre-staged
 - 8:15 a.m. — (1) Ribbon cutting by RTD Board of Directors and Denver Transit Partners; (2) Ribbon cutting by the Mayor and Denver City Council members
 - 8:30 a.m. — Depart

- 40th Ave & Airport Blvd – Gateway Park Station
 - 8:55 a.m. — Train arrival
 - 9 a.m. — Ribbon cutting by the Mayor and Aurora City Council members
 - 9:10 a.m. — Depart

- Denver Airport Station
 - 9:25 a.m. — Train arrival
 - 9:30 a.m.— Ribbon cutting for DIA

- Grand-opening ceremony on Level 5 plaza (between airport and Westin Hotel)
 - 10 a.m. — Ceremony begins

SPEAKERS:

Gov. John Hickenlooper, State of Colorado
 FTA Senior Advisor Carolyn Flowers
 U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet
 U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette
 U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter
 U.S. Rep., Mike Coffman
 Mayor Michael Hancock, City and County of Denver
 Mayor Steve Hogan, City of Aurora
 CEO Kim Day, Denver International Airport
 CEO Aaron Epstein, Denver Transit Partners
 CEO David Seaton, Fluor Corporation
 First Vice Chair Larry Hoy, Regional Transportation District Board of Directors
 General Manager and CEO Dave Genova, Regional Transportation District

MEDIA: Credentials are required for members of the media who are planning to attend the University of Colorado A Line grand-opening ceremony and celebration. Please contact Tina Jaquez at 303-299-6902 or tina.jaquez@rtd-denver.com for credentials. These will be available for pick up on April 22 at the RTD Info Tent at both Union Station and Denver Airport Station.

Following the ceremony, there will be free rides for the public on the University of Colorado A Line starting from Denver Union Station and from Denver Airport Station until 9 p.m.

On Saturday, April 23, University of Colorado A Line station parties will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at all of the stations along the line. Each party is hosted by the local jurisdictions and community organizations, with different activities and entertainment at each. The entire RTD light rail system will be free to the public for the entire day Saturday, from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. For more information, please [click here](#).

On Sunday, April 24, the University of Colorado A Line will be open for the first day of revenue service with fares being charged. To help passengers navigate the light rail system, RTD ambassadors will be at all University of Colorado A Line stations to answer questions during the first week of regular service.

For route and schedule information, please call RTD's Customer Care Center at 303.299.6000 or call 303.299.6089 for the speech and hearing impaired. Visit RTD's website at www.rtd-denver.com.