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RTD celebrates University of Colorado A Line opening with station parties on April 23

Entire rail system will be free for passengers to ride for the day with revenue service starting on Sunday, April 24

DENVER, April 15, 2016 – To celebrate the opening of the University of Colorado A Line, the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) first commuter rail line to be completed as a part of the Eagle P3 project, station parties will take place on Saturday, April 23.

Throughout the day, the community can enjoy a variety of activities, food, music and more at the stations along the University of Colorado A Line. Each party is hosted by the local jurisdictions and community organizations and will feature a different theme.

In addition, five stations will have dedication ceremonies throughout the day for the newly-installed artwork.

The entire RTD rail system will be free to the public for the full day Saturday and will run on a regular Saturday schedule. The University of Colorado A Line will be running free service from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Regular fare is required for all RTD bus service.

Large crowds are expected to attend the station parties throughout the day and RTD encourages attendees to allot extra time for travel and expect wait times for trains at the stations. As a supplemental service to the train, bus shuttle service to the stations along the University of Colorado A Line will be available for no charge.

Because of the large celebratory crowds on Saturday, travelers needing to get to Denver International Airport for flights are encouraged to take RTD's SkyRide bus service instead.

All station parties are from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Union Station—RTD Experience

Commuter Rail Platform

1701 Wynkoop St., Denver 80202

This station will feature information about RTD's services.

38th & Blake Station—Where Art Is Made!

3737 Blake St., Denver 80205

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This station will feature a live iron pour, activities for children, a beer/cider/wine garden, artists and makers booths, chalk art, live bands and the Denver Flea.

There will be an art dedication for the site specific artwork, "Conflux|Redux" by Kelton Osborn at 2 p.m. and "Tumbleweeds Really Do Exist" windscreens by Sandra Fettingis 2:30 p.m.

40th & Colorado Station—Denver Active!

4220 Garfield St., Denver 80216

This station will focus on keeping families healthy and active, with family-friendly activities, entertainment, food trucks and more.

There will be an art dedication for the station artwork, "Hands On" by Erik Carlson at 1 p.m.

Central Park Station –Global Arts and Culture!

8175 Smith Road, Denver 80238

This station will highlight worldly cuisines, activities for children, global arts and culture, healthy living and community resources.

There will be an art dedication for the station artwork, "Balloon Man Running" by Sean O'Meallie at noon.

Peoria Station—Fun and Transportation!

11501 E 33rd Ave., Aurora 80010

This station's activities will include information about RTD's services, the future RTD R Line, food trucks, games and activities.

There will be an art dedication for the station artwork, "Biota" by Blessing Hancock at 11 a.m.

40th & Airport-Gateway Park Station—Artistic Expressions from Around the World!

3900 North Salida St., Aurora 80011

This station focuses on global art, with cultural dance, a global fashion show, musical entertainment and beverages such as Mexican hot chocolate, coffee and tea.

There will be an art dedication for the station artwork, "Time Present" by Molly Dilworth at 10 a.m.

61st & Pena Station—Denver's Corridor of Opportunity!

6045 N. Richfield St., Denver

This station features professional kite flyers, kite making, food, music, entertainment and a glimpse of the future Panasonic Enterprise Solution Company Campus, opening in late 2016.

Denver Airport Station—Connecting the World!

Station Party on Open-Air Plaza- Level 5

8500 Peña Blvd., Denver, CO 80249

This station includes art, international food, entertainment, music and activities, along with the opportunity to see the new Westin Denver International Airport hotel.

About RTD

RTD's mission is to provide safe, clean, reliable, courteous, accessible and cost-effective bus and rail services in the eight-county district, and fulfills 100 million passenger trips annually. The public transit agency is creating a larger, better and more accessible system through innovation, public-private partnerships and transit-oriented communities.