

R Line newsletter copy

RTD's R Line opens Feb. 24

The R Line will open Feb. 24. RTD's newest light rail line will extend service 10.5 miles north from Nine Mile Station to Peoria Station.

Construction on the segment of the project from Nine Mile Station to Iliff Station began spring 2012 as part of a joint contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation. That partnership allowed for the widening of I-225 and the addition of the envelope for the light rail trains.

RTD broke ground on the full length of this project in the spring of 2013 after receiving an unsolicited proposal from Kiewit Infrastructure Company in July 2012 to complete the full line.

The R Line will add eight new stations, giving passengers more connectivity to the Aurora City Center, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Fitzsimons Life Science District, Children's Hospital, the new VA Hospital and Denver International Airport through a transfer at Peoria to the East Rail Line.

There eight stations and five new Park-n-Rides with approximately 1,800 parking spaces on this line.

The R Line is part of the FasTracks program, RTD's voter-approved transit expansion program.