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Grand Opening of New RTD Light Rail Station at Denver Union Station

**Temporary Light Rail Closures Coming to an End; Entire System Returns to
Normal Monday, August 15**

Denver – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the Denver Union Station Project Authority (DUSPA) will celebrate the opening of the new Denver Union Station Light Rail Station on Monday, August 15, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The new light rail station is located two blocks west of Denver Union Station adjacent to the Millennium Bridge.

To mark this major project milestone, DUSPA and RTD will host a Grand Opening Celebration. Entertainment will be provided by the Denver Municipal Band Brass Quintet. A formal ceremony is planned from 7:50 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Local businesses from around DUS will serve refreshments.

Light rail trains will begin arriving and departing from the new station; the 16th Street FreeMall Ride will be extended to the new station; Wewatta St. between 19th and 16th will close and Chestnut Place between 19th and 16th will open.

WHAT: Denver Union Station Light Rail Station Grand Opening
WHEN: Monday, August 15, 2011, 7:50 a.m.
WHERE: Adjacent to new light rail station; Millennium Bridge east stairs
SPEAKERS: Mayor Michael Hancock
Elbra Wedgeworth, DUSPA Board Chair
Lee Kemp, RTD Board Chair
Judy Montero, Denver City Councilwoman
Angie Malpiede, RTD Board

Denver Union Station is the centerpiece of the RTD's FasTracks transit expansion program and will serve as a multimodal hub for the region.

DUSPA was created as a non-profit authority by the City & County of Denver, the Regional Transportation District (RTD), Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to finance, design and construct the multi-modal transportation center as outlined in the adopted DUS Master Plan and EIS. RTD will be the operator of the facility once complete.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create thousands of construction-related jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy over the next 20 years.

For route and schedule information, please call RTD's Telephone Information Center at 303.299.6000. Call 303.299.6089 for the speech and hearing impaired. Visit RTD's website at rtd-denver.com.