

MEDIA ADVISORY



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RTD to participate today with national coalition of public transportation agencies to call for emergency federal relief

Virtual rally will feature leaders from seven transit agencies throughout the country

DENVER (Dec. 8, 2020) – [Regional Transportation District \(RTD\)](#) Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Debra Johnson, along with a broad and diverse national coalition of the country’s leading public transportation agencies, will hold a virtual rally today to call for significant and immediate emergency federal relief and detail the dire consequences – drastic service cuts, fare increases, layoffs of hundreds of thousands of workers across the country, and capital disinvestment – if Congress fails to pass a coronavirus relief package.

WHO:

- **Patrick J. Foye**, Chairman and CEO, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
- **Alex Wiggins**, CEO, New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
- **Debra A. Johnson**, CEO and General Manager, Denver Regional Transportation District
- **Inez P. Evans**, President and CEO, Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)
- **Leslie S. Richards**, General Manager, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)
- **Steve Bitto**, Director of Marketing and Communications, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
- **Robert M. Powers**, General Manager, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

WHEN: Today – 9 a.m. (MT)

WHERE: Zoom Conference. Link available via RSVP. Livestream at https://youtu.be/CJihX_aMjHs

RSVP: To participate in the press conference and be able to ask questions, please email Aaron Donovan at adonovan@mtahq.org to receive Zoom link and password.

Please use your real name as your Zoom screen name. Unidentified individuals will not be called upon for questions.

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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.

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