

# MEDIA ADVISORY



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## **RTD to participate 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 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:** Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 – 9 a.m. (MT)

**WHERE:** Zoom Conference. Link available via RSVP. Livestream at [https://youtu.be/CJihX\\_aMjHs](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](mailto: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](http://rtd-denver.com), call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: [www.facebook.com/RideRTD](https://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](http://rtd-denver.com/news-stop).

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