

# Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project

## Week in Review



Friday, September 12, 2025

### Overview:

This week, crews continued pre-construction activities including installation of **temporary restroom facilities, construction fence**, and placement of **project information banners** with a QR code that directs to RTD's website where additional project information is available. **811 locates** for non-RTD utilities were also completed, and all necessary **permits** were obtained.



Coordination with Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) took place on Tuesday and Wednesday to finalize **demolition limits** and review traffic and train **signal equipment**. Sidewalk access along Kalamath and at the Colfax at Auraria station will remain open until Monday, September 15, when detours will begin.



**Safety Moment:** Always keep your eyes on the road while driving, and especially in work zones. Avoid all distractions, slow down, and give extra space to other vehicles and to workers. Researching your route ahead of time is a great way to stay prepared and keep yourself and others safe. Pedestrians in work zones should avoid distractions like wearing headphones, which can make it difficult to hear sirens, horns, or other warnings.



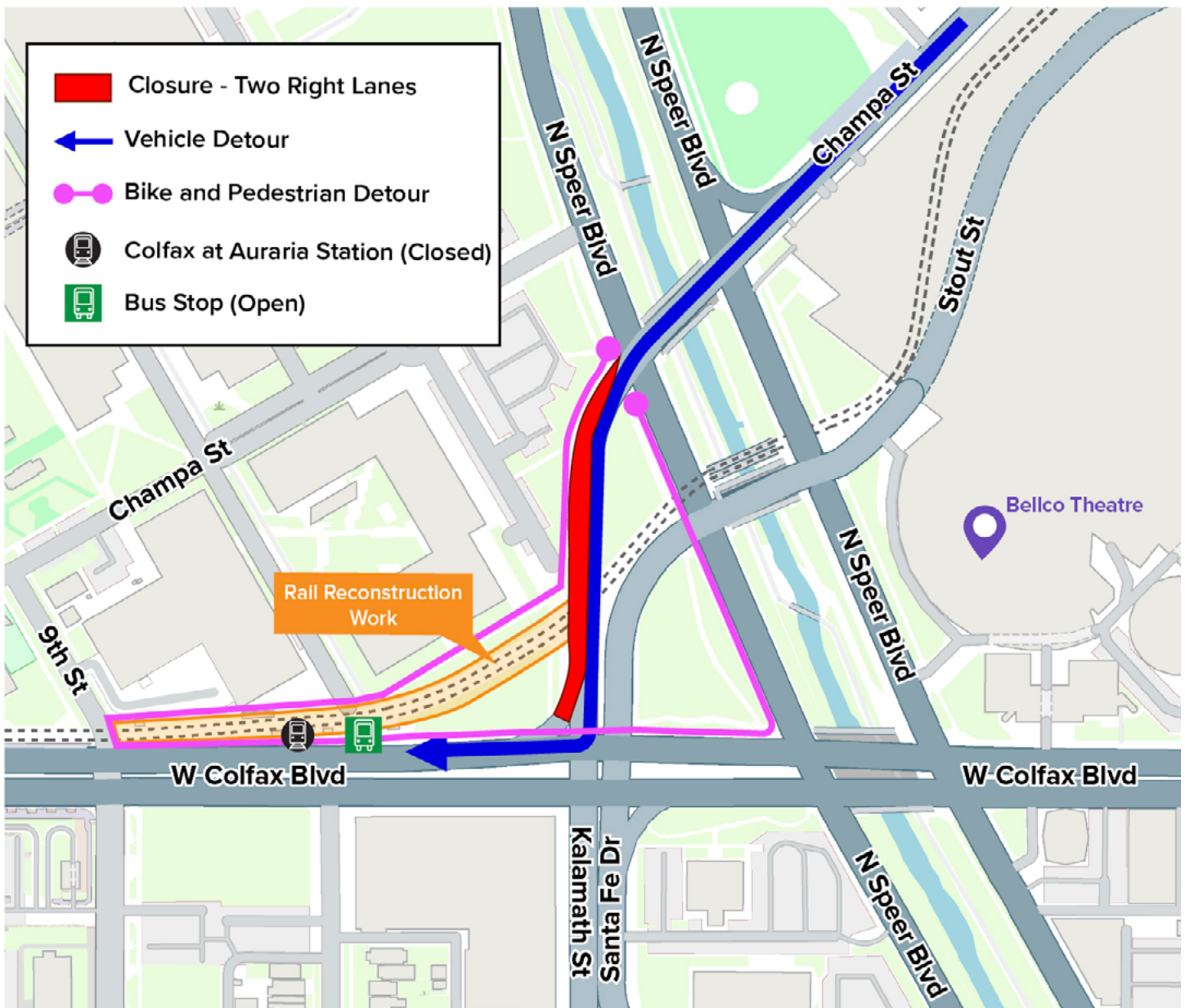


## Project Lookahead

Next week, demolition work will begin. Sediment control devices will be put in place, existing concrete and rail materials will be demolished and removed from the work area. Pedestrian and bicycle **detours** will begin the morning of **Monday, September 15**, directing pedestrians to either 9th Street or Speer Boulevard to navigate around construction. **Vehicle traffic impacts** will also start on **Monday**. The two right lanes of southbound Kalamath Street will be closed from Speer Boulevard to Colfax Avenue. Drivers traveling south on Kalamath can use the left two lanes of Kalamath Street.



## Kalamath Street Crossing Construction Detours





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### 1 | Construction Fence Installation

Kalamath Street Crossing | Sept. 10, 11:06 AM



### 2 | Temporary Restroom Facilities

Kalamath Street Crossing | Sept. 9, 11:27 AM

**Temporary construction fence** was set up around the work area on Wednesday morning, leaving pedestrian access open at the Colfax at Auraria Station and along Kalamth Street. Crews have left this access open to minimize impacts to the public ahead of demolition work. This fencing will remain in place around construction areas until work has been completed and all necessary safety certification is approved.

On Tuesday, **temporary restroom facilities** were brought to site for use by construction crews. These facilities are staged inside the fenced work area and locked outside of work hours to maintain clean and safe facilities for the crews. Colorado 811 utility locates were also completed this week, and all necessary permits to begin demolition were obtained.

## Amplifying Results

At 20th•Welton station, RTD is revitalizing more light rail infrastructure. This week crews completed the demolition of the first of two ramps, also known as “**high blocks**.” In the coming weeks, these will be replaced with new high blocks, complete with new **hand railings** and **tactile warning strips**. Light Rail high blocks create access to trains for people with mobility devices and individuals whose physical mobility impairment(s) make it difficult to use the stairs to access RTD’s light rail trains.



## Safety Observations



### Wire Gut Installation

Kalamath Street Crossing | Sept. 8, 9:58 AM

## Quality Observations



### Coordination with Denver DOTI

Kalamath Street Crossing | Sept. 10, 10:26 AM

RTD's **Maintenance of Way (MOW)** team was on site early Monday morning, installing “**wire gut**” on the overhead **catenary wires**. This **protective covering** for the overhead wires is an important safety precaution that RTD implements to increase visibility and protect the wires from incidental contact by construction equipment.

On Tuesday, RTD and the contractor coordinated with Denver's Department of Transportation Infrastructure (DOTI) to verify **demolition limits**, ensuring that the finished work meets both RTD and City requirements. RTD and DOTI also coordinated on site Wednesday morning to review traffic and train **signal utilities** and infrastructure at the Kalamath Street crossing. This collaborative relationship will allow for continued safety enhancements at the intersection during this and future phases of the Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project.

## Customer Experience

On Wednesday, **project information banners** were installed on the construction fencing. These banners have a **QR code** that directs customers to the RTD Rail Project webpage where additional information is available about the project, alternate services during construction, and construction progress updates.







# Kalamath Street Crossing 86-Day Schedule

## Full-Depth Rail Reconstruction



~~Week 1~~

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11

Week 12

Week 13

**Project Completion**  
**Nov. 27**



**3%**

**Total Progress**

**0%**



**Track Replacement\***  
**0/1300 Track Feet**

**0%**



**Special Trackwork**  
**0/1100 Track Feet**

**0%**



**Vehicle Crossing**  
**0/1 Upgraded**

**0%**



**Pedestrian Crossing**  
**0/2 Upgraded**



### Amplifying Results

- ☐ Concrete Repairs
- ☐ Tactile Warning Strips
- ☐ Pavement Markings
- ☐ Curb and Gutter Repair
- ☐ Station Improvements

*\*Percentage of track replacement includes special trackwork and crossings*