

Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project

Week in Review



Monday, June 8, 2026

Overview:

This weekend, crews began work in the **Colfax Avenue Alignment** area as a part of the ongoing, multi-year [Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project](#) to **reconstruct** its oldest light rail infrastructure and maintain the **long-term integrity** of the network. Crews set up traffic control and began **around-the-clock** rail reconstruction activities at the **Seventh Street** crossing.



RTD is getting to work for customers



Safety Moment: As summer begins and temperatures continue to rise, remember to stay hydrated and take breaks when working outdoors. Stay aware of the symptoms of heat-related illness and monitor weather conditions throughout the day.



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1 | Utility Potholing

Seventh Street Crossing | June 7, 6:33 PM



2 | Rail Segment Grinding

Seventh Street Crossing | June 7, 1:28 PM

Throughout the week, the project team worked in tandem with the **City and County of Denver** and the **Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)** to finalize **traffic configurations** in both work areas. These **collaborations** resulted traffic plans that will **minimize local impacts** and **service impacts** as much as possible while allowing crews to complete **quality work** in a **safe** and **efficient** manner.

Starting on **June 2**, crews conducted assessments of **stormwater lines** located beneath the light rail in the **Colfax Avenue Alignment** area to define **existing conditions** and **structural integrity**. This work required **intermittent lane closures** on **Colfax Avenue** and was completed at night to **minimize traffic impacts**. Nearby residents were notified of the overnight work in advance.

Over the weekend, **traffic control** was set up, and **rail deliveries** began in the Colfax Avenue Alignment area. Crews also began **around-the-clock** reconstruction work at the Seventh Street crossing including **demolition**, **rail removals**, and **welding**.



Project Lookahead



Colfax Avenue Alignment

This week in the **Colfax Avenue Alignment** area, crews will continue **rail reconstruction** at the **Seventh Street crossing**. Seventh Street will remain closed between Colfax Avenue and Curtis Street for **seven to 10 days** to complete reconstruction.

A **single-lane closure** will remain in place on westbound **Colfax Avenue** between Kalamath and Seventh streets until **late September** for ongoing **equipment** and **material staging**. Signed **detour routes** and pedestrian access modifications will remain in place throughout construction.

Downtown Loop Midblocks

Activities in the **Downtown Loop Midblocks** this week will include **traffic control** set up, **rail deliveries**, preparation for **rail welding**, exploratory **potholing** to assess underground conditions, **stormwater line inspections**, and **rail system work** at the Stout Street and 15th Street intersection.

California Street is temporarily reduced to **one travel lane** during **off-peak hours** until **Friday, June 12** for exploratory potholing and initial rail deliveries.

Crews have reduced **Stout Street** to **one travel lane** between **14th and 19th streets** to establish an **active work zone** for ongoing construction activities throughout the corridor.

This **lane closure** will remain in place through **mid-October** as crews complete rail reconstruction **sequentially** from **south to north** within the work zone. Areas in the work zone where **active rail upgrades** are not taking place will be used for **rail welding**, **storing equipment** and safely **transporting materials** like large, **welded rail segments**.

All activities are schedule- and weather-dependent and subject to change.

Customer Experience

Service Changes

As of Sunday, June 7, [RTD's latest service changes](#) went into effect to account for this next part of the Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project. These service changes aim to improve reliability and on-time performance of bus and rail services. Alternative service options are offered to support customers during reconstruction.

Visit the [Service Changes](#) webpage for a complete look at the updates and use the [Next Ride](#) app to plan for any travel adjustments from bus routes and rail lines affected by the service changes.

Project Resources

Keeping customers and the community informed about the project, planned disruptions and providing clear alternate services is a priority for RTD. Regular updates and information are available on [RTD's Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project webpage](#).

If you have any questions about the content of this update, or upcoming activities, reach out to the project team at RailProject@RTD-Denver.com or 720.902.8817. For additional project information and previous reports, visit www.rtd-denver.com/railproject.

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