

Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project

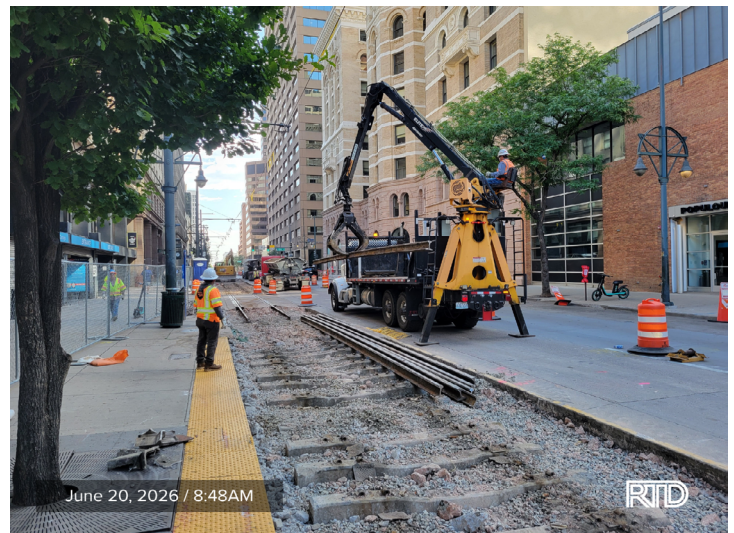
Week In Review



Monday, June 29, 2026

Overview:

This week, crews continued work in the **Downtown Loop Midblocks** and **Colfax Avenue Alignment** areas as part of the ongoing [Downtown Rail Reconstruction](#) of RTD's oldest light rail infrastructure. In the **Colfax Avenue Alignment**, crews continued rail reconstruction and removal between Seventh and Kalamath streets. In the **Downtown Loop Midblocks**, demolition and drainage work advanced along Stout Street.



Rail Delivery

Downtown Loop Area | June 20, 8:48 AM



Safety Moment: *Summer celebrations are full of joy and festivity, but they can also threaten public health and safety when people act carelessly. This Fourth of July, leave the fireworks demonstrations to the professionals. Do not light any combustible materials in areas with active fire restrictions, and only use legal fireworks purchased from a Colorado licensed fireworks store, stand, or tent. When traveling through busy crowds, stay alert for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians to avoid collisions.*

10%



Total Progress

4%



Track Replacement
260/5,907 Track Feet

0%



Track Transitions
0/25 Transitions

4%



Concrete Poured
185/4,367 Cubic Yards

8%



Intersection Upgrades
1/12 Intersections

0%



Drainage Upgrades
0/70 Drainage Inlets

43%



Rail Welds
63/148 Welds

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1 | Potholing for Underground Utilities
Downtown Loop Area | June 22, 8:07 AM



2 | Concrete Demolition
Downtown Loop Area | June 22, 8:39 AM

Reconstruction in the **Colfax Avenue Alignment** continued with crews advancing **demolition** work, concrete work, **utility installation**, and **subgrade** material preparation between Seventh and Kalamath streets. Crews **removed** the **existing rail, concrete, and ballast materials** while preparing the corridor for track installation.

In the **Downtown Loop Midblocks** area, **demolition** continued on Stout Street between 15th and 17th streets. **Utility investigations** and **potholing** progressed to support upcoming **drainage improvements** between 16th and 17th streets.

Safety Observations



PPE Signage
Downtown Loop Area | June 27, 3:28 PM

Quality Observations



Proof Rolling
Downtown Loop Area | June 25, 6:40 PM

To promote **Safety** in the work area, the contractor attached signage to the construction fencing to remind workers of the **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** requirements. The text is provided in both English and Spanish and includes **iconography** to ensure all personnel on site understand the messaging.

Crews performed **soil compaction testing** through **proof rolling**, a **quality control** process in which a weighted vehicle rolls over a **subgraded surface** to verify that the foundation is stable and ready to support additional weight.

Did You Know...

Subgrade is the **prepared layer** of material beneath the **track structure** that supports everything built above it. Before **new track components** are **installed**, crews test and **compact** the subgrade to confirm it is **stable** and can support the **weight of trains** and **surrounding infrastructure**. Preparing this foundation helps improve the **long-term performance** and **durability** of the reconstructed rail corridor.



Compacted Subgrade Material
Seventh Street Crossing | June 20, 2:03 PM



Colfax Avenue Alignment

In the **Colfax Avenue Alignment**, crews will continue **subgrade preparations, drainage** and **utility** work between Seventh and Kalamath Streets.

To accommodate **Fourth of July** travel, **all westbound lanes** on Colfax Avenue between Kalamath and Seventh streets will reopen from **Thursday, July 2**, through **Sunday, July 5**. The **single-lane westbound** closure will return on **Monday, July 6**.

Construction activities in the Colfax Avenue Alignment will pause on **Thursday, July 2**, and resume on **Monday, July 6** for the Fourth of July holiday.

Downtown Loop Midblocks

Construction activities in the **Downtown Loop Midblocks** will continue with **site preparation** and **utility** work along **Stout** Street between 14th and 15th streets.

Stout Street will remain reduced to **one travel lane** between 14th and 19th streets through mid-October to support **staging, equipment storage, rail deliveries**, and ongoing reconstruction activities.

Construction activities in the Downtown Loop Midblocks will pause on **Thursday, July 2**, and resume on **Monday, July 6** for the Fourth of July holiday.

All work is schedule- and weather-dependent and subject to change.

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 RTD-Denver.com/RailProject.

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