

AGENDA

Ad Hoc Burnham Yard Redevelopment Committee

Thursday, July 16, 2026

REMOTE MEETING

9:00 AM

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Ad Hoc Burnham Yard Redevelopment Committee

Chaired by Ian Harwick

A. Call to Order

B. Discussion Items

- Review of Draft Letter to Denver Broncos Football Club

C. Other Matters

D. Next Meeting Date – Ad hoc committee will conclude its work at the adjournment of current meeting

E. Adjourn

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THE CHAIR REQUESTS TALL PHONES BE SILENCED DURING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT.

July XX, 2026

Damani Leech
President
Denver Broncos Football Club

Re: Burnham Yard Redevelopment – Transit Integration and Continued Coordination

Dear Mr. Leech,

On behalf of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors' Burnham Yard Redevelopment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee), we extend our appreciation for the continued collaboration among the Denver Broncos organization, your project team, and the agency with respect to the Burnham Yard Redevelopment planning process.

Further, RTD extends appreciation for the May 21, 2026, Burnham Yard site tour and the June 18, 2026, project update to the Committee. Both engagements provided insight into the evolving vision for the site and reinforced the significance of this transformative opportunity for the City and County of Denver, the broader region, and the State of Colorado, collectively.

As planning efforts advance, the agency remains committed to working closely with the Broncos organization to ensure that transit integration supports the long-term success of the development and the regional transit system. The General Manager/CEO has expressed a commitment to the Board for her and her staff's continued partnership with your organization and project team.

The Committee reaffirms several shared principles that guide the continued engagement:

- The Burnham Yard area represents a key section of overall RTD's mobility footprint in the region. Site planning should ensure that existing operations are protected while also preserving the ability to accommodate future growth in boardings, high-volume event demand, and regional access and mobility needs over time
- The integration of rail, bus, pedestrian, and bicycle networks and private vehicular traffic within the Burnham Yard area presents significant complexity in planning efforts. Continued coordination amongst the respective parties will be essential to ensure that design concepts support operations that are mechanically safe and personally secure and ensure efficient circulation and event-day performance reliability
- The Committee strongly supports leveraging transit-oriented development principles as a central element of the project. Effective integration of transit infrastructure will be critical to maximizing the long-term economic, mobility, and community benefits resulting from the redevelopment
- A primary shared objective is ensuring that transit customers and event attendees experience safe, intuitive, and reliable access to the site. Seamless connectivity between transit services and the site will be essential to achieving this outcome

The Committee appreciates that the Broncos' Mobility Study is currently underway and recognizes its importance in informing future planning assumptions, including travel demand, event operations, and multimodal access strategies. RTD staff looks forward to reviewing the study findings as they become available and continuing to coordinate closely as concepts are refined.



In parallel, RTD is continuing to advance technical evaluation of several key areas that are central to long-term planning and coordination, including:

- Rail capacity and operational reliability between I-25/Broadway and Auraria West stations
- Safety and operational performance considerations related to rail crossings and customer movements
- Pedestrian circulation and event-day crowd management strategies
- Traffic operations and intersection performance within the surrounding street network
- Transit priority treatments and multimodal access enhancements
- Construction sequencing and operational continuity for existing transit services and facilities
- Preservation of long-term transit expansion opportunities and infrastructure corridors

Within this evaluation framework, concepts that provide a higher degree of physical and operational separation between rail operations and surface-level activity (e.g., elevated track from 13th Street to past 8th Street, with the station being elevated) are receiving focused technical review due to their potential to reduce conflict points, improve system reliability, and enhance long-term scalability under peak event conditions.

As part of this ongoing technical work, RTD is evaluating a range of concepts to ensure that the final integrated design supports daily regional mobility and large-scale event operations. This includes consideration of solutions that may be required to separate rail operations from high-intensity surface activity areas to maintain long-term safety, reliability, and system capacity under peak demand conditions.

The Committee believes that the success of transit access to Burnham Yard will ultimately be measured by its ability to serve both daily regional mobility and the largest events hosted in the region. As Denver continues to position itself for future marquee events, including a potential Super Bowl, it will be essential that the transportation network is designed to accommodate peak demand safely, efficiently, and at scale.

RTD values the collaborative relationship that has been established with the Denver Broncos organization and appreciates the continued engagement as we collectively advance to a world-class, multimodal destination at Burnham Yard.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Keefe
Chair, Board of Directors
Director – District H

Ian Harwick
Chair, Burnham Yard Redevelopment Ad Hoc Committee
Director – District L

Cc: Board of Directors
Debra A. Johnson, GM/CEO