

Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project

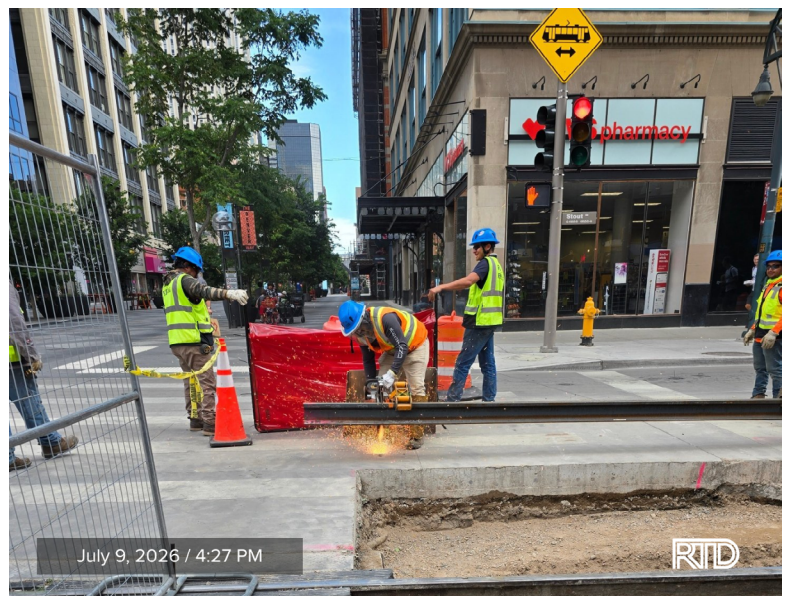
Week In Review



Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Overview:

Following the holiday weekend, work resumed on **Monday, July 6** in the Downtown Loop Midblocks and Colfax Avenue Alignment areas. Along **Colfax Avenue**, crews continued **drainage inlet** work, **subgrade** preparation, **rail setting**, and **rebar installation**. In the **Downtown Loop**, **demolition**, rail system **utility work**, and **rail setting** progressed along Stout Street.



Rail Cutting Prior to Setting
Downtown Loop Area | July 9, 4:27 PM



Safety Moment: You can help keep buses, trains and transit hubs safe by staying alert and keeping an eye on your surroundings. If you see something that doesn't look right, say something. Report safety or security concerns to RTD Transit Police by calling, texting, or using the Transit Watch app. Find more information at RTD Transit Watch.

11%



Total Progress

4%



Track Replacement
260/5,907 Track Feet

0%



Track Transitions
0/25 Transitions

5%



Concrete Poured
185/4,367 Cubic Yards

8%



Intersection Upgrades
1/12 Intersections

7%



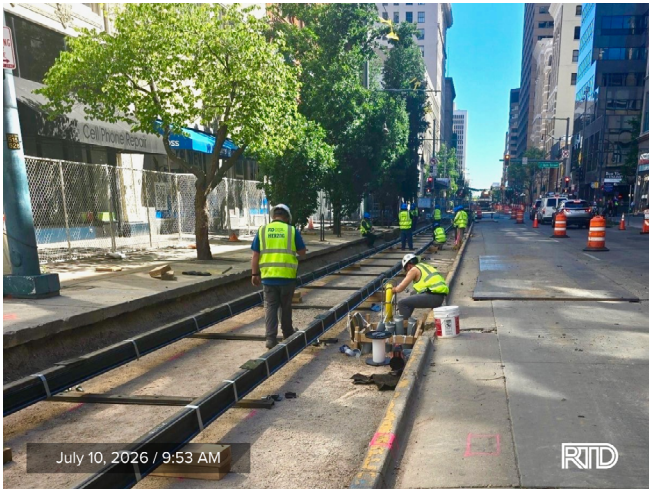
Drainage Upgrades
0/70 Drainage Inlets

43%



Rail Welds
63/148 Welds

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1 | Rail Setting

Downtown Loop Area | July 10, 9:53 AM



2 | Drainage Inlet Excavation

Colfax Avenue Alignment | July 7, 11:12 AM

In the **Downtown Loop Midblocks area**, crews began **removing concrete** and **existing rail** on Stout Street between 17th and 18th streets. **Drainage** and **rail system utility work** progressed between 14th and 17th streets, and **rail setting** began between 15th and 16th streets.

Rail setting begins with pulling the **pre-welded rail segments** into place, then the team adds the **rail boot** — a component that protects the rail from direct contact with the surrounding concrete and protects against **stray electrical current** once trains are active. Crews then use **thermite welding** to connect the rail segments before finishing with **rebar installation** and **concrete pours**.

In the **Colfax Avenue Alignment** area, crews continued **excavation**, **installation of rebar** and **concrete placement** at the **new drainage structures** between Seventh and Kalamath streets. Crews also continued **subgrade preparation** through the corridor while addressing existing **underground utility relocation**. To support the drainage and rail system utility work, crews implemented a new **pedestrian and bicycle detour** along westbound Colfax Avenue between Seventh and 10th streets.



Safety Observations



Pedestrian Barrier Fence

Downtown Loop Area | July 6, 8:01 AM



Quality Observations



Drainage Inlet Construction

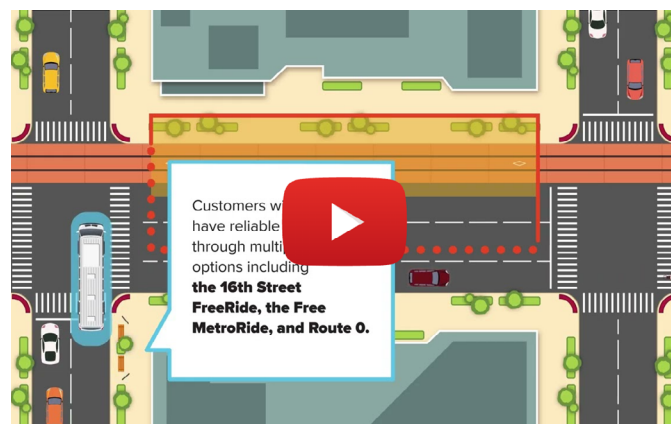
Downtown Loop Area | July 6, 1:09 PM

As **demolition** progresses into new areas, crews **install fencing** along public walkways to **maintain safe access** for pedestrians while ensuring **safe work zones** for crews.

Before **concrete placement**, project teams **inspect the rebar** and **temporary concrete molds** used to build the **drainage inlets**. These **inspections verify** that the **reinforcing steel** and **concrete molds** are properly installed before concrete is poured, helping ensure the finished structures perform as intended and support the long-term durability of the rail system.

Customer Experience

RTD is committed to **maintaining access** for pedestrians, bikes, busses, and cars traveling through the **Downtown Loop** during rail reconstruction. To help customers and local stakeholders understand **construction impacts** in the Downtown Loop, RTD created **an animation sequence** that details what to expect. It also demonstrates how **buses** will move through the downtown area to maintain transit access while the **D, H and L lines** are not running.



Typical Downtown Loop configuration during active construction



Project Lookahead



Colfax Avenue Alignment

In the **Colfax Avenue Alignment area**, crews will continue **drainage, rail system utility work**, and **rail setting** between Seventh Street and Kalamath. Crews are also preparing for **concrete placement** along Seventh Street.

Until late September, the **sidewalk closure** along **eastbound Colfax Avenue** between Seventh and 10th streets will be in place. Pedestrian access to the **Auraria Early Learning Center** will continue to be maintained via the **Seventh, Ninth, and 10th Street crosswalks**.

Downtown Loop Midblocks

Construction activities in the **Downtown Loop Midblocks** will continue on Stout Street with **drainage improvements** and **rail system utility** work between 16th and 18th streets. Between 15th and 16th streets, crews will continue **rail setting** and begin **concrete pours**. **Demolition** will begin between 18th and 19th streets for initial **concrete** and **rail removals**.

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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