

Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project

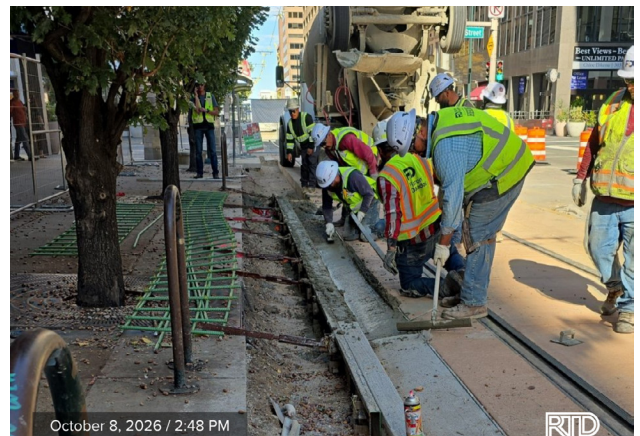
Progress Update



Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Overview:

Over the past two weeks, crews advanced concrete, rail and drainage work along **Stout Street** while starting a new area of construction along **California Street**. Crews **removed existing rail and concrete**, began **underground utility work**, and continued work at the intersection of 18th and California Streets. At the **Cherry Creek Bridge**, construction resumed with work to prepare for **new rail and concrete installation**.



Sidewalk Curb Concrete Pour

Downtown Loop Area | October 8, 2:48 PM



Safety Moment: Rain and thunderstorms can create hazardous conditions for pedestrians, drivers, and construction crews. During rainy weather, slow down, allow extra stopping distance, and watch for slippery surfaces around construction zones. If you hear thunder, move indoors or into a fully enclosed vehicle and stay there until the weather passes.



37%



Total Progress

44%



Track Replacement
2,604/5,907 Track Feet

4%



Track Transitions
1/25 Transitions

34%



Concrete Poured
1,502/4,367 Cubic Yards

33%



Intersection Upgrades
4/12 Intersections

30%



Drainage Upgrades
21/70 Drainage Inlets

78%



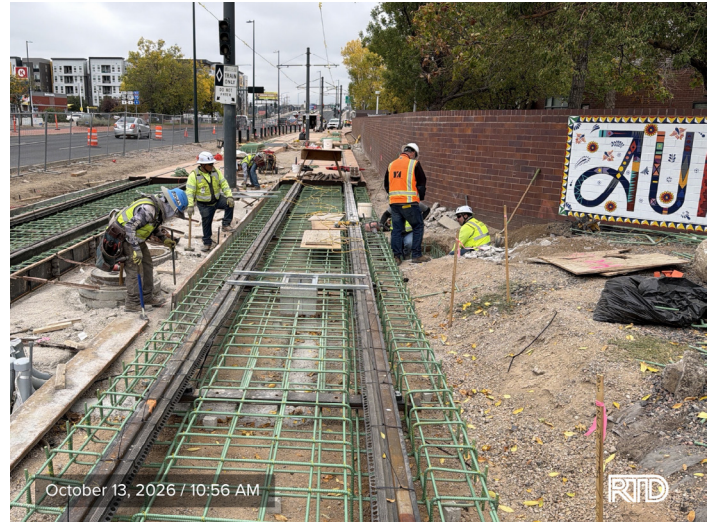
Rail Welds
115/148 Welds

Recent Work in Review



1 | Ballast Removal

Downtown Loop Area | October 14, 1:20 PM



2 | Embedded Track Rebar Placement

Colfax Avenue Alignment | October 13, 10:56 AM

In the Downtown Loop Midblocks area, crews continued concrete and rail work along Stout Street. Between 14th and 16th streets, crews completed **additional pours** for **concrete between rails** and **surrounding track, curbs, sidewalks, and driveways**. Between 16th and 17th streets, crews **pulled rail sections** into place and **completed thermite welds** while drainage and curb inlet work continued. Between 17th and 19th streets, crews advanced concrete, curb and sidewalk work, and continued **rail welding** and **finished elastomeric grout installation** at intersections.

As work progressed along Stout Street, crews transitioned into new construction areas on 19th and California streets. Following **traffic control setup**, crews **removed existing rail** and **concrete** along 19th Street between Stout and California streets before beginning **demolition** and **ballast removal** on California Street between 19th and 18th streets. At the 18th and California Street intersection, crews began **elastomeric grout installation**.

In the Colfax Avenue Alignment area, the team continued **sidewalk work** — the finishing touch to **complete the rail segment** between Seventh and Ninth streets. Between Ninth and Kalamath streets, **rail** and **drainage work** progressed. At the Cherry Creek Bridge, crews prepared for **rail installation** by surveying the area for **existing rebar** and **finalizing plinth layouts**.



Safety Observations



Quality Observations



Surveying Before Construction

Downtown Loop Area | October 13, 9:35 AM



Accessible Curb Inlet Adjustments

Downtown Loop Area | October 12, 11:32 AM

Before construction begins, survey crews take **measurements** to **verify existing conditions** and **establish reference points** for upcoming work. Preconstruction surveys help crews **confirm elevations, alignment,** and **project boundaries** before **excavation** and **installation** begin. Accurate surveying helps **identify potential issues** early, reducing the need for rework and helping ensure construction can be **completed safely** and in accordance with project plans.

Along Stout Street, the team **adjusted curb inlet surfaces** to accommodate **accessible tactile warning surfaces**. These surfaces use raised features to **help pedestrians**, including people with visual impairments, **identify the edges of station platforms**. Crews also **grouted the interiors of curb inlets** to finish the structures as work progressed.

Did You Know?

Before crews complete **excavation work**, they must **identify existing underground utilities** that could conflict with the work. **Vacuum excavation** uses **pressurized air** or **water** and a vacuum system to **carefully expose buried infrastructure**, helping crews **locate pipes, conduits**, and other **utilities** with less risk of damaging them. Crews are using a **vacuum excavation truck** to **expose existing utilities** along 19th and California streets before work continues in these areas.



Vacuum Excavation

Downtown Loop Area | October 14, 8:18 AM



Project Lookahead



Colfax Avenue Alignment

Crews will finalize **concrete** and **sidewalk work** between Seventh and Ninth streets. Between Ninth and Kalamath streets, **drainage** and **utility work** will continue as crews prepare for **additional rail installation** and **welding**. Work at the Cherry Creek Bridge is expected to continue for **approximately three weeks**, including **installation** of **new dowels**, **forming** and **pouring concrete plinths**, and **setting** and **welding rail**.

Downtown Loop Midblocks

Crews will continue **concrete, rail, and drainage work** along Stout Street. Between 16th and 17th streets, work will progress on **trench drains, rail preparation and embedded track slab installation**. Between 17th and 19th streets, crews will continue **finishing concrete**, a process that involves **leveling and smoothing** freshly poured concrete, alongside ongoing **rail work and drainage improvements**.

On California Street, crews will continue **removing existing rail, concrete, and ballast** while **locating underground utilities and advancing drainage work**. **Lane restrictions** are expected to remain in place on **California Street** between **19th and 16th streets** and on **19th Street** between **Stout and California streets** as work progresses. Construction activities and schedules remain weather- and site-dependent.

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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