

Glossary of Project Terms:

Assets: RTD resources, including facilities, vehicles, rail, track, signals, bridges, stations, etc.

At-grade crossing: an intersection where a railway line crosses a road at street-level

Ballast: the foundational rocks beneath rail tracks

Curved rail: track that is designed to allow trains to maneuver through a curve

Downtown Loop: RTD's light rail service in the Central Corridor serving the D, H and L lines through downtown Denver between Colfax at Auraria and 30th•Downing stations

Full-depth reconstruction: removal and replacement of current rail infrastructure including concrete, rail, ties and ballast; average depth is 24 inches for full-depth reconstruction

Open-ballasted track: track where one can see the ballast and ties and can easily access them to conduct maintenance

Paved track: uses cast-in-place concrete and required where rail track will be shared with other street traffic, including vehicles and pedestrians

Rail switch: a mechanical switch that enables trains to be guided from one track to another

State of Good Repair: Managing and maintaining assets to ensure the long-term integrity essential for delivering safe and reliable transit service

Street-running rail: Rail that runs alongside vehicular traffic and shares at-grade crossings with vehicles

Track panels: track that is embedded in the roadway