



NEWS RELEASE

RTD's May service changes add 27,000 more in-service hours in 2025

Service changes take effect May 25 with more buses and trains running, longer hours of operation and more frequent service compared to 2024

DENVER (May 8, 2025) — Beginning Sunday, May 25, the [Regional Transportation District \(RTD\)'s](#) latest [service changes](#) will take effect. RTD is increasing the overall level of service with more buses and trains running, longer operating hours, and more frequent service compared to 2024. With the May service changes, RTD will have added **27,000 in-service hours in 2025**.

Due to the continued and substantial progress made in hiring frontline positions, RTD has been able to increase its overall bus and rail services. The additional services represent a significant investment in more accessible public transportation for customers within the RTD service area.

One notable change includes reinstating the Free MetroRide service which will operate every 10 minutes on weekdays during peak travel periods. The Free MetroRide is a popular companion service to the Free MallRide due to its efficient service and the route facilitates circulating downtown traffic along 18th and 19th streets.

RTD continually monitors its transit system and adjusts its schedule three times a year to respond to a variety of factors. RTD evaluates traffic patterns and customer feedback that affect its bus and rail system with some of the changes supporting on-time performance, increased service reliability and allowing for necessary maintenance activities to be performed efficiently. For a complete look at the changes RTD is making, visit [Service Changes](#).

RTD encourages customers to use the [Next Ride](#) app to plan for any travel adjustments from affected bus routes and rail lines.

A summary of notable changes include:

Rail services

- The N Line will add a northbound trip from Union Station Friday evenings
- The D, E, H, R and W lines will receive minor schedule adjustments to increase on-time performance and service reliability

Bus services

- Routes that will receive minor schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance and service reliability or to improve connections with other RTD services include 1, 9, 11, 12, 20, 38, 121, 153, 169L, 205, 206, 208, 483, BOLT, DASH, and P – note the P route will be renamed PD effective May 25, 2025
- Routes that will experience increased service include 16, 44, 73, 153, NB2 and the Free MetroRide

ABOUT RTD

The [Regional Transportation District](#) (RTD) was created in 1969 by the Colorado General Assembly to develop, operate and maintain a mass transportation system that now benefits more than 3.1 million people in the Denver metro area. With a service area of 2,342 square miles, RTD provides transit services in all or part of eight counties and more than 40 municipalities. The transportation agency's services are delivered via 126 bus routes, six light rail lines, four commuter rail lines and paratransit mobility options.

- Routes that will undergo seasonal adjustments include 11, 20, 24, 42, 45, 65, 73, 225, 225D, JUMP, NB1, NB2, DASH and SKIP
- The Free MetroRide will provide additional service during peak travel periods on weekdays

Access-a-Ride

- Customers who use Access-a-Ride should be aware that any reductions or improvements to regular bus and rail routes may also impact paratransit service availability. RTD is committed to ensuring that paratransit services remain accessible and will communicate any changes that may affect these services.

For a comprehensive list of updates, visit [Service Changes](#).

Keep up to date on service by signing up for [Service Alerts](#). For route and schedule information, call RTD Customer Care at 303.299.6000 (Mondays-Fridays 6 a.m.-8 p.m. and weekends/holidays 9 a.m.-6 p.m.). Dial 711 for the speech and hearing impaired. Visit RTD's website at rtd-denver.com.

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