

## Inside the city

Information on latest happenings, items of interest.

To see events posted on the city wide calendar please visit our [website](#).

## Council follow-up

Resolution of action items or requests from previous meetings.

### **Buffalo Run 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

Buffalo Run celebrated 20 years of golf on Saturday, May 21st. This family event featured a miniature golf course, free range balls and information on programs and banquet services. Golf pros were on hand to offer tips and the Bison Grill served hot dogs, chips and drinks. Nearly 100 people attended the event, including Councilman Steve Douglas and family. Congratulations to the golf course on this milestone event.

### **Dick's Sporting Goods Park noise complaints**

The city received six emails through the AskC3 system last week from Stapleton residents concerned about noise volumes from Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Two of these were addressed to city council and are included below. City staff is reviewing our ordinance and processes as well as working with stadium officials to understand their approach to address neighbor concerns.

*"Loud music late at night at Dicks Sporting Goods Park which is right next to many houses in Stapleton. Please stop concerts/events at Dicks by 10:00 please on weekends and earlier during the work week. Thanks."*

*"I would like to see a stop time for events at Dick's Sporting Goods Stadium. Every time there is a music event, the music is so loud it is hard to be in my house. I would like to see a reasonable quitting time of 10 or 11pm."*

### **Councilman Douglas inquired about weed enforcement at the pet cemetery**

Neighborhood Services also received a separate complaint for 5721 East 72nd Avenue (pet cemetery). A site inspection was made and weed/grass, garbage, and trash violations were confirmed to exist on the property. A code enforcement case was opened giving the owner fourteen calendar days to remove the violations, with a compliance date of May 31, 2016. If the property is not in compliance on that date additional actions will be taken to enforce the City's codes.

### **Legislative report**

Attached please find this week's legislative report and tracking sheet.



## FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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For the week of May 23, 2016

### Correspondence

- North Metro Rail Line News

### City Council Work Schedule

Attached please find the current city council meeting schedule.

**From:** [FasTracks North Metro Team](#)  
**To:** [Gallegos, Lysa - CM](#)  
**Subject:** North Metro Rail Line News May 2016  
**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 7:31:33 PM

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May 19, 2016

***Welcome!***

As summer approaches, the project will be in full swing. Currently, crews are working on building six of the 10 commuter rail bridges along the line, and soon enough, all bridges will be under construction putting us one step closer to completion of the N line.

As major construction activities along the line continue, it is important we get you updates in a timely matter, especially as construction will be occurring throughout different parts of the line. You can find a variety of the latest information on the [North Metro Rail Line website](#). You can also identify places along the line for area-specific updates. This will allow us to send construction notices to people directly affected by construction rather than sending them to our general mailing list. You can do this on our [sign up page](#) by checking the boxes for your geographical areas of interest.

## **News along the line**

### **North Metro bridges springing up**

Most rail bridges are imposing structures soaring over vast landscapes. This is the case with the [Skyway Bridge](#) on the North Metro Rail Line. The Skyway Bridge, spanning more than 9,500 feet as it traverses through Denver and Commerce City, is an illustration of a bridge eliminating obstacles in its path by “flying” above them. The Skyway Bridge spans over York Street, BNSF and Union Pacific railway tracks and spurs, Brighton Boulevard, the Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company ditch, Sand Creek and I-270.



The other bridges along the line are much smaller in stature and only separate the commuter rail from roadways or waterways. The North Metro project will also build rail bridges over Denargo Street, Washington Street (pictured right), 46th Avenue, Marion Street, Race Street, 88th Avenue, 104th Avenue and 120th Avenue. Along with these commuter rail bridges, the North Metro Line is also building a vehicle bridge over 70th Avenue for car access to the Commerce City-72nd station and built three small railroad bridges for the BNSF in late 2015.

The bridge over Denargo Street is a double track structure and the bridge over 104th Avenue is twin, side-by-side bridges over one street. The rest of the bridges are single track bridges. In addition, all of the bridges except the Marion Street Bridge will be constructed with the rails directly attached to the bridge deck eliminating the ballast and ties. This direct fixation track requires less maintenance and allows for a smaller depth of the bridge.

Civil construction of most of the bridges began in early 2016 and the structural component of the bridges over 120th Avenue and 104th Avenue will be the first completed. Crews will then mobilize to begin laying track on top of the structures. Construction of the 46th Avenue Bridge and the Marion Street Bridge will commence this summer. Regardless of size or purpose, bridges are critical to RTD's rail operations.

### **Story along the line**

Summer is almost here, and for most communities that means the season of outdoor fairs, festivals and events are underway. Community events are a great opportunity to check out what's going on in your neighborhood and city.

Here is a sampling of happenings taking place in the communities along the North Metro Rail Line:

- Thorntonfest - Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Carpenter Park Fields
- Commerce City 52nd Annual Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park
- Denver Chalk Art Festival – Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5 starting at 10 a.m. at Larimer Square
- City of Brighton's Art in the Park – Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Carmichael Park
- Fourth of July in Thornton – Monday, July 4 starting at 4 p.m. at Carpenter Park Fields
- Northglenn July Fourth Festival – Monday, July 4 starting at 6:30 a.m. at E. B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park
- Old Globeville Days – Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17 starting at 11 a.m. at Argo Park

Follow North Metro and your local city to find out about more events taking place in your neighborhood, like Welby Days and Thornton Harvest Fest this fall.

## Behind the scenes



The North Metro Rail Line represents the future of the region, but it also has a past. Though commuter rail will be a new type of train traveling through the suburbs north of Denver, it's not the only train to have traveled this path. The N line will be built in the right-of-way where the Union Pacific (UP) freight track once operated, also known as the Boulder Industrial Lead, where it traveled from Brighton Boulevard to Boulder. RTD purchased the right-of-way in 2009 for the FasTracks project, and one of the first construction elements of the North Metro project included removing the existing UP freight tracks (pictured left in Spring 2015) to make way for RTD's commuter rail tracks.

Upon acquiring ownership of the UP alignment, RTD approved an easement for Suncor Energy to use 9.6 miles of right-of-way along the North Metro Rail Line to construct a 16 inch, underground, crude oil pipeline. The Mountain Expansion Pipeline Project extends from Commerce City north to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Though the work Suncor needed to do on the North Metro alignment has been completed, Suncor Rocky Mountain Expansion Pipeline construction is still underway north of 128th Avenue.

Their work helped to pave the way for the N line which will open in 2018.

## Activities along the line

### North Metro Update

All construction activities are subject to change. Please visit the [construction page](#) on the website for the most up-to-date info.

- Third party utility relocations for the project are ongoing.
- Crews set girders on the Denargo Bridge across the South Platte River earlier this week.
- Construction of the Washington Bridge continues and another set of bridge girders could be set in early June.
- Construction of the Skyway Bridge is proceeding as scheduled. The bridge girders over Interstate 270 were successfully set earlier this month.
- Demolition of the Ready Mix plant structures have begun and will continue through spring.

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- Earthwork operations continue at the Commerce City - 72nd Avenue station site.
  - Work on the 88th Avenue Bridge continues. Upcoming work will require overnight lane closures of 88th Avenue. Please check the [North Metro website](#) for additional information.
  - Operations on the 104th Avenue Bridge continue. (Pictured above)
  - Civil construction of the bridge over 120th Avenue is complete. Track crews will mobilize into the area later this summer.
  - The station walls at the Eastlake-124th Avenue station have been poured and crews expect to move to the Northglenn-112th station site in June.
  - Construction of concrete box culverts on the north end of the project continue.

## Question of the month

 Question: Now that the University of Colorado A Line is open, can I still take the AA to Denver International Airport?

*Answer: Yes, RTD continues to provide our riders with options. The AA Skyride service will take you to DIA. Another option, if you wanted to take the University of Colorado A Line train, depending on where you are, you can take the 120x to Denver Union Station and hop on the train from there. Check RTD's website for [schedules](#). The website also provides a helpful option of planning your route through our [trip planner](#). As always, if you have questions about North Metro, please let us know through our [website](#).*

## Alphabet Soup

What does UP stand for?

- a) Utility Progress
- b) Underground Procurement
- c) Unit Purchase
- d) Union Pacific

*The correct answer is D. Union Pacific freight trains once operated in the same right-of-way where the North Metro Rail Line will operate in 2018. See "Behind the scenes" for more information.*

## Stay up to date and get involved

Stay up to date on all of the North Metro Rail Line news by [subscribing](#) to our monthly e-newsletter and periodic emails and encourage your friends, neighbors and professional colleagues to do the same. The e-newsletters provide project information, upcoming community meetings and events and general FasTracks information. As the project moves into construction, we'll keep you informed about progress and where work zones might affect you and your community. Get social with us. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). The North Metro Rail Line public information team is committed to staying in touch with you—so [contact us](#) with your questions, comments and concerns.

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City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
May 30, 2016		HOLIDAY/5TH MONDAY - NO MEETING		
June 6, 2016				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>	Rec 16-31	Recognition of 2016 Memorial Day Parade winners	CMO	0:20
	Rec 16-32	LiveWell Colorado Recognition	CMO	0:10
	Rec 16-34	Senior Advisory Committee Recognition and Update	PR&G	0:20
<b>CONSENT</b>	Ord 2080	Noxious Weed Management Plan changes (adding violation penalties) (1st reading May 2)	CD	<b>0:05</b>
	Ord 2087	Grant Recognition - Click It or Ticket - \$3,060.00 (1st reading May 2)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2088	Grant Recognition - CDOT DUI - \$5,000 (1st reading May 2)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2099	Grant Recognition - E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation \$2,500 (1st reading May 16)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2102	Youth Commission Term Changes (1st reading May 16)	COMM	n/a
	AN-233-15-16	Legal Description Change (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-896-11-12-16	DIA Tech Center LLC is requesting a zone change from AG (Agricultural) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for employment uses for two parcels (PIN 172300000103 and PIN 172300000104) generally located north of E. 81st Avenue and west of Tower Road (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-933-16	Eric Bush is requesting a zone change from I-2 to C-3 for the property located at 5844 Dahlia Street (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-926-16	The City of Commerce City; rezone from PUD to Public the property; north of E. 112th Ave & east of Potomac Street (PIN 172306301001) (1st reading May 16)	CD	n/a
	Z-936-16	Tait & Associates, Inc.;rezone from PUD to C-2 at 15050 E. 104th Avenue. (1st reading May 16)	CD	n/a
	Res 2016-28	Contract Award Chambers Multi-use Trail and Bridge	PW	n/a
	Res 2016-57	Resolution approving settlement of Hammer Litigation	CA	n/a
	Res 2016-70	RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE NEW RECREATION CENTER DESIGN SERVICES	CMO	n/a
	Res 2016-71	Award of Contract for Tower Road Quality Assurance Testing	PW	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING</b>	Ord 2079	Building Code Update (2nd reading June 6)	CD	0:45
	Ord 2089	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Existing Building Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2090	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Residential Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2091	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Fire Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2092	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2093	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2094	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Plumbing Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2095	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2096	An Ordinance Adopting the 2014 National Electric Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2097	An Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
	Ord 2098	An Ordinance Repealing the Elevator, Escalator, Platform and Chair Lift Codes and Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities (1st reading May 2)	CD	n/a
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	Res 2016-69	RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER RESOURCES AGREEMENT WITH SACSWD	CD	0:15
<b>ORD 1ST READING PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	16-33	An executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice concerning public official training through CIRSA	HR	1:00
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>4:10</b>

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>June 13, 2016</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Pres 16-231	CDBG Consolidated Plan Update	CD	0:45
	Pres 16-241	Fee study follow-up Discussion	CMO	1:20
	Pres 16-331	City Attorney Recruitment Update	HR	0:30
	Pres 16-317	Overview of Bond Issuance Process	FD	0:20
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>3:10</b>
<b>June 20, 2016</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>	Proc 16-03	2016 Day of Play and Parks & Recreation Month	PR&G	0:10
<b>CONSENT</b>	Res 2016-34	Approval of Contract for East 72nd Avenue (SRTS)	PW	0:05
	Res 2016-64	A resolution codifying the City of Commerce City's Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) committee	CMO	n/a
	Res 2016-21	Resolution approving Economic Development Business Incentives for Project Boxtrull.	ED	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING RESOLUTION</b>				
	Res 2016-68	Resolution Approving IGA with SACWSD, City of Commerce City, ECAGID, ERAGID and NIGID	CD	0:15
<b>ORD 1ST READING PRESENTATION</b>				
	Pres 16-355	Adams County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee 2015 Annual Report Presentation	PD	
	Pres 16-368	Police Department Update	PD	
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:45</b>
<b>June 20, 2016</b>				
<b>NIGID</b>		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	NIGID 2016-07	Resolution establishing requirements regarding inclusions and annexations	CD	0:15
	NIGID 2016-08	Resolution Approving IGA with SACWSD and City of Commerce City	CD	0:05
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:25</b>
<b>June 20, 2016</b>				
<b>ECAGID</b>		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	ECAGID 16-04	Resolution establishing requirements regarding inclusions and annexations	CD	0:05
	ECAGID 16-05	Resolution Approving IGA with SACSWD and City of Commerce City	CD	0:05
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:15</b>
<b>June 20, 2016</b>				
<b>ERAGID</b>		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	ERAGID 16-05	Resolution establishing requirements regarding inclusions and annexations	CD	0:05
	ERAGID 16-06	Resolution Approving IGA with SACWSD and City of Commerce City	CD	0:05
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:15</b>
<b>June 27, 2016</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Pres 16-68	New Recreation Center Design Update	CMO	1:00
	Pres 16-277	Mobile Food Vendor Discussion	CD	0:45
	Pres 16-334	Discussion on facility naming process for Highway 2, Recreation Centers	CMO	0:45
	Pres 13-359	Interim Use of Buckley Road Access Update	PW	0:20
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>3:05</b>

City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
July 4, 2016		HOLIDAY - NO MEETING		
July 11, 2016				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Pres 16-318	Preliminry Budget Session: CIPP Discussion	FD	0:30
	Pres 16-321	City Council Winter Retreat Follow-up on Economic Development Goal for 2017	ED	0:15
	Pres 16-365	Youth Athletic Fields	PR&G	0:40
	Pres 16-369	GID Amendments & Water Sales Policies	CD	1:00
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:40</b>
July 18, 2016				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>				
<b>CONSENT</b>	Res 2016-33	Approval of Contract for Construction of Highway 2	PW	<b>0:05</b>
<b>PUB HEARING</b>	Z-934-16	The City of Commerce City is reuquesting to rezone from Adams County A-3 to Commerce City Public for the property located north of E. 112th Avenue between Potomac Street and Chambers Road (PIN: 172306000013 and PIN 172306200001).	CD	0:45
<b>RESOLUTION</b>				
<b>ORD 1ST READING</b>				
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	16-371	Board & Commission Program Update	CCO	0:20
	16-370	Marijuana and Liquor Licensing Update	CCO	0:20
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:45</b>
July 25, 2016				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Pres 16-193	Preliminary Budget Session: Overview, Revenue & CIPP Discussion	FD	0:30
	Pres 16-43	2016 HEAL Workplan	COMM	0:45
	Pres 16-367	New Recreation Center Design Development Wrap-up	CMO	1:00
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:30</b>