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## **Multiple options available to public as section of EB U.S. 36 remains closed**

*Flatiron Flyer and LD bus trips will be free Monday and Tuesday in both directions*

DENVER - As repairs to eastbound U.S. 36 continue after large cracking was discovered on the roadway between Wadsworth and Church Ranch boulevards in Westminster, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation District are planning for significant traffic disruptions heading into the upcoming work week.

In order to provide another option for the traveling public as we adjust to longer term routing options, in addition to a series of recommended detours, CDOT will offer free travel on RTD's Flatiron Flyer and LD bus routes, in both directions, on Monday and Tuesday. For a complete list of RTD bus schedules, click here: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/Schedules.shtml#bus>.

The public should consider combining or skipping travel trips, especially during morning and evening rush hours. Workers able to telecommute are encouraged to do so. For those who are driving along this route, please be advised of CDOT's recommended detours, which include the Northwest Parkway (toll road) to I-25; and SH 93 to SH 58, connecting to I-70.

All commuters in the area should expect delays. Those who take transit are asked to be patient, as RTD buses will be subject to the same traffic conditions and detours as all other vehicles on the road. Bus schedules likely will be affected, and riders are likely to experience standing room on vehicles and longer travel times. CDOT and RTD will be working to add

additional buses to Flatiron Flyer routes when possible. These buses may not be marked as RTD vehicles, but staff will be onsite to make sure passengers get on the correct bus.

With demand for parking spaces expected to increase at the RTD Park-and-Rides along U.S. 36, Flatiron Flyer riders may want to consider getting dropped off at their usual station.

“The Flatiron Flyer is a reliable means of travel every day for thousands of people along the U.S. 36 corridor, and we hope that everyone in the area will consider taking transit this week,” said RTD General Manager and CEO Dave Genova. “We appreciate CDOT’s financial support of this service, which will help lighten traffic on detour routes and deliver our passengers to their destinations as quickly as possible.”

“This closure of U.S. 36 is necessary for the traveling public’s safety, but we recognize that it is disruptive and are committed to doing everything that we can to help manage the impacts and provide options in light of the situation,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “We are grateful for RTD’s partnership to help people get where they need to, and thank commuters for their patience as we work through short- and longer-term remedies.”

CDOT and RTD will continue to keep the public updated on social media channels. For the latest information about this repair work, please follow CDOT at @ColoradoDOT on Facebook and Twitter, and RTD on Twitter [@Ridertd](#).

#### **ABOUT CDOT**

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#### **ABOUT RTD**

The Regional Transportation District celebrates 50 years of service this year. The transit agency develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the needs of close to 3 million people within an eight-county service area in the Denver Metro region. The agency’s buses, rail lines, shuttles and additional services provide approximately 100 million annual passenger trips. For more information, visit [rtd-denver.com](http://rtd-denver.com), call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: [www.facebook.com/RideRTD](http://www.facebook.com/RideRTD), on Twitter [@Ridertd](#), [@ridertd](#) on Instagram and [rideRTDco](#) on YouTube.