The North Metro Rail Line is part of RTD’s 2004 voter-approved FasTracks plan to expand transit across the Denver metro region.

The 18.5-mile electric commuter rail line will connect Union Station with Commerce City, Northglenn, Thornton and North Adams County.

When completed, the line will feature eight stations: 48th & Brighton•National Western Center, Commerce City•72nd, Original Thornton•88th, Thornton Crossroads•104th, Northglenn•112th, Eastlake•124th, York•144th and North Thornton•Hwy 7.

Design and construction of the corridor from Union Station to Eastlake•124th is underway; the remainder will be built as funds become available.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

2001: RTD completed an investment study to evaluate north I-25 transit from Denver to Brighton.

2005: RTD conducted a scoping study to build on previous analyses of the corridor.

2006: RTD began an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process to analyze transit options for the corridor. The EIS built on previous transit alternative studies, possible adverse implementation impacts and subsequent mitigation.

2009: RTD purchased most of the North Metro Rail right-of-way from Union Pacific Railroad for $119 million.

2011: RTD issued a final EIS, identifying community benefits and possible impacts of a new transit service in the area; the team received a Federal Transit Administration Record of Decision.

2012: RTD committed funding to build the project’s first phase from Union Station to the National Western Center.

2013: RTD received an unsolicited proposal to build the line, opened a competitive bidding process, and later awarded a design-build contract to Regional Rail Partners (RRP) to complete the line to Eastlake•124th, with options to extend as funds become available.

2014: North Metro Rail Line broke ground in March; design of the project reached 56 percent completion in September; and North Metro received rail delivery and completed tie-in work at Union Station in November.

2015: Utility relocation and right-of-way acquisition underway; 90 percent design complete; construction began in summer 2015.

NORTH METRO RAIL LINE AT A GLANCE

- Length: 18.5 miles, 13 miles under construction
- Vehicle: Electric commuter rail
- Stations: 8 total, 6 under construction
- Parking: 3,850 total spaces, 2,593 under construction
- Service Frequency: 20 min (peak) / 30 min (off-peak)

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