RTD Security Highpoints and Procedures

Key Elements
• Under the plan, students eligible for transportation will receive a free RTD pass. DPS buses (yellow bus service) will continue for athletics and other special activities. The proposal does not change transportation for high school special education students.

• Additional service for Denver Public Schools students is being evaluated and based on number of transfers and maximum ride times.

RTD Security Facts
• The RTD has one of the lowest crime incidence rates in the country. The security division is staffed by full-time security specialists, and both uniformed and undercover security and police officers periodically patrol transit stations, buses and Light Rail trains.

• All buses and trains are equipped with two-way radios, emergency signaling systems, fire extinguishers, and Automatic Vehicle Locators (a GPS based system that automatically informs the RTD’s central control facility as to the vehicle’s location).

• Many buses and all trains are also equipped with video surveillance cameras and recorders to deter crime and vandalism and add to the security of drivers and passengers.

• Under the proposal, RTD would not provide trips for school students only. Per Federal regulations, all RTD service must be open to the public. Specific, school student only trips are prohibited.

RTD Bus Break Down Procedures
• Mechanical malfunctions that disable a bus are relatively rare, but they do occur. When a bus malfunctions, the driver calls RTD’s central control facility (Dispatch) which then determines an appropriate course of action.

• In some cases, Dispatch will send a replacement bus to pick up the passengers and continue with the original trip (the RTD stations extra buses at specific locations in the metropolitan area for just this type of eventuality).

• In other cases, such as a bus route with frequent service, passengers might be asked to wait for the next bus. The safety of the passengers is the RTD’s primary concern, and Dispatch does not “clear” a breakdown incident until the passengers have been accommodated.

For More Information
• Frequently asked questions and answers and a complete copy of the high school transportation proposal are online under “updates” from the Denver Public Schools website, http://www.dpsk12.org.