

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM
#48-2020

DATE: August 3, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *Hmg*

FROM: Diana Wilson, Director of Communications *DW*

SUBJECT: Plans for N Line Opening Sept. 21, 2020

PURPOSE

To review the plans for a small celebration at the Northglenn Regional Transportation District (RTD) N Line Commuter Rail Station on Sept. 21, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The long-awaited opening of the N Line is scheduled for Sept. 21, 2020. According to RTD, they plan to leave from Union Station in Denver on the first official N Line train at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 21 and make a stop at one station in each municipality, with an end-line ribbon cutting with all elected officials. As of now, RTD plans are minimal other than the photo opportunity.

We submitted an application to RTD to have a small gathering from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Northglenn station, 11355 York St. Social distancing and masks will be required. A podium will be set up for a couple of brief speeches, there will be a goody bag handed out to attendees, and some low-key music. The artists of the station artwork will be honored, and when the first train rolls through there will be a brief ribbon cutting before the train proceeds to the final stop. Current elected officials, former elected officials, and other VIPs will be invited to the event; public attendees will be welcome (though the promotion of the event will be minimal). Current elected officials will likely be invited by RTD to attend the end-line event.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Proceed with small local celebration of the N-Line opening, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 21, 2020.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The 2020 budget allocated \$5,000 for a “station party.” This event has been scaled down and will cost \$2,500.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any comments or questions, they may contact Diana Wilson, Director of Communications, at 303-450-8713 or dwilson@northglenn.org.