

The Adams County Board of County Commissioners, District Attorney Brian Mason, Chief Judge Don Quick, and the public defenders of the 17th Judicial District join our residents in requesting an immediate resumption of full service on RTD Route 520. This includes service to the parking lot of the Adams County Justice Center. This critical route provides service to the Adams County Justice Center, Adams County Government Center, medical services at Platte Valley Medical Center, and many other destinations and potential connections.

With jury trials resuming, Route 520 must be immediately reinstated into RTD's service delivery model for jurors, defendants, victims, and advocates to have access through public transit to the Justice Center. With a backlog of more than 700 felony cases, additional courtrooms and hours are being introduced by Chief Judge Quick to help provide each defendant with their constitutionally guaranteed right to a speedy trial. The lack of access to public transit will restrict our ability to increase the quantity of cases heard – and could prove to be counterproductive to our goal of reducing the backlog of cases.

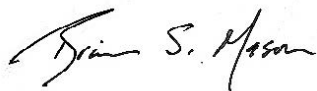
While it has come to our attention that services will continue to be provided via Route 520 with stops at Bromley Lane and Medical Center Drive (#33281 & #33282), as well as Bromley Lane and Tower Road (#33164 & #34414), we have serious concern about the direct, negative impact to our mobility-impaired residents who rely on Route 520 service directly to the parking lot of the Adams County Justice Center.

We understand the pandemic forced RTD to make difficult decisions regarding the suspension of certain lines, but our justice system and many other stakeholders are once again operating in person and at full capacity. It is essential that the RTD Route 520 stop at the Adams County Judicial Center be immediately reinstated to meet the needs of our residents.

We look forward to continuing our conversations with RTD about an ongoing access agreement to ensure this important stop remains a key component of Route 520 as we move into the future.

Sincerely,

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