

# Access Impacts During the Denver PRIDE Festival 2026

## Transportation & Access Impacts During Denver PRIDE Festival on 16th Street –

To support the safe operation of Denver PRIDE 2026 and the Vizzy Denver PRIDE Parade 2026, several streets in and around Downtown Denver will be temporarily impacted throughout the weekend. Guests are encouraged to plan ahead, allow extra travel time, and consider public transportation, rideshare, biking, or walking when possible.

**Denver PRIDE 2026 Street Closures** – Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> the following streets will be closed to vehicle traffic in support of Denver PRIDE 2026 activities:

- Cleveland Place between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Welton Street between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Champa Street between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Please note that Glenarm Place will remain closed between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street as part of ongoing downtown operations.

**Parade Impacts** – Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Additional traffic impacts will occur on Sunday for the Vizzy Denver PRIDE Parade 2026. Temporary closures will affect portions of Lincoln Street and Broadway along the parade route. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Franklin Street and Lincoln Street will also be closed. The parade is scheduled to step off at 9:30 a.m., and traffic restrictions will begin prior to the start of this event. Motorists should expect delays throughout the morning and early afternoon as parade activities progress and streets are reopened. Guests traveling to the festival on Sunday are encouraged to arrive early and utilize alternate routes whenever possible.

**16th Street FreeRide Service Diversion During Festival Operations** – The 16<sup>th</sup> Street FreeRide will operate on a temporary detour route. Eastbound service will divert from Lawrence Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, continue across Broadway, and then return via 15<sup>th</sup> Street westbound before rejoining its regular route at Lawrence Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The Free MetroRide service will remain unaffected and will continue operating on its normal route.

Please refer to the transportation map below for detailed routing information and closure locations.



**Learn more about street closures, RTD Rail Service, and 16<sup>th</sup> Street's FreeRide Service during the Denver PRIDE Festival**

**RTD Rail Service Impacts** – Guests using public transportation should be aware that beginning June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026, portions of RTD's Downtown Loop rail service will be impacted by the Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project.

During construction, D Line, H Line, and L Line trains will not travel through the full Downtown Loop. Additional information is available through RTD's Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project. [<https://www.rtd-denver.com/railproject>]

Denver PRIDE Festival 2026 attendees can continue to conveniently access downtown by traveling to Denver Union Station and connecting to local bus routes, the 16<sup>th</sup> Street FreeRide, rideshare services, biking infrastructure, or pedestrian routes.

To support increased demand during Denver PRIDE Festival on the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> 2026, RTD will also increase service frequency on several downtown routes beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Plan Ahead** – With thousands of attendees expected throughout Denver during Denver PRIDE Festival on the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, guests should anticipate increased traffic, road closures, and pedestrian activity throughout downtown Denver. Planning transportation in advance and allowing for additional travel time will help ensure a smooth and enjoyable festival experience.