



September 9, 2021

Troy L. Whitmore  
RTD District K Director <or RTD Board of Directors? High-ranking staff member?>  
1660 Blake Street  
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Reinstating 104X bus service

Dear Director Whitmore, <board of directors, mr./mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ >

The City of Commerce City (the “City”) understands the challenges RTD has faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and other unique obstacles you have worked to overcome as a modern transit agency, even before the emergence of our pandemic-era realities. We appreciate your dedication and continued efforts toward finding sustainable methods for maintaining and expanding public transit opportunities for communities throughout the region.

As lifestyle and travel patterns continue to shift back toward previous norms in these later stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to reiterate the value of the 104X bus route for our residents. Transit opportunities remain few and far between in Commerce City’s quickly expanding northern range, and our residents have found a great deal of value in commuting directly to downtown Denver via the 104X regional route. For many, this route is the only viable transit option to make that trip without a series of transfers and frequent stops.

While we can certainly understand the necessity of drastically reducing many such routes in earlier phases of the pandemic, the City of Commerce City encourages RTD to reinstate the 104X regional bus service in your next round of service changes. Return-to-work plans are bringing more employees back to offices and other workspaces, increasing the need for many our residents to resume their regular commuting schedules utilizing this important regional bus route.

We appreciate the new transit opportunities afforded to our residents by the opening of RTD’s N Line rail service and the Commerce City-72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Station last year, along with the bus routes that were adjusted to serve that and other N Line stations. We hope that similar opportunities will develop in the future for the newly developed areas of northern Commerce City. In the meantime, we hope that bringing back the 104X route will be as worthwhile for RTD as it is to those Commerce City residents who rely on it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

City Council  
City of Commerce City