

University of Colorado A Line

On Friday, April 20, Brooks Waldman, Larry Ast and Bill Allen took the University of Colorado A Line to Denver International Airport (DEN).

We used the 40th and Colorado Station. That station is located about a block West of Colorado, north of 40th with adequate signage. There are two parking lots: a small one directly South of the platform and a significantly larger one about a half a block West. There are more than 200 parking spaces at this station. Lots are paid parking: for cars registered in the RTD taxing area, the cost is first 24 hours free then \$2 per day thereafter. Cars registered elsewhere must pay \$4 per day to park. There are parking pay kiosks located on the lots, you will need to know your license number. The parking spaces should fit most cars and SUVs.

The Northern platform is for Union Station (or other stops West of the station) while the Southern platform is for DEN (or the other stations East of the station). Check the overhead signs to confirm. Signs also tell when the next train will arrive. There are ground level rail track crossovers on both East and West ends of the platform. There are handicap ramps to the platform which will also work well with roll-aboard bags. There are fare kiosks on the platform for the \$9 fare (Good for all day). Half fares are available for students, seniors (over 65) and handicapped. (Regional RTD day pass fares may be combined for bus/light rail/A Line fares.) There are no access gates to transit. In sharp contrast to RTD light rail and buses, the floor of the car is flush with the platform; there are no steps to negotiate. Through most of the day trains are scheduled every 15 minutes.

On board there are luggage racks by the boarding doors and overhead bag storage. There are bike racks by the doors. Seats face both ways so, depending on seats available, you may be facing the direction of travel or facing the other direction. Other cars are accessible through end doors.

The train is fast and quiet. The announcements are clear and at appropriate volume. Signage at the end of the cars and the middle show the next stop. Like airline economy, seats are three abreast and comfortable considering the short ride. There are no power outlets for computer/cellphones.

When you arrive at DEN there is a convenient baggage check on the East side of the train platform. Please check to assure your outbound airline accepts bags there, not all airlines do. Across from the bag check area are a number of generic airline kiosks (by generic it means, when you touch the screen, multiple airline logos appear. Touch the logo of your airline and their reservation home page will appear) where you can print out a boarding pass.

From the train platform, take the escalator to level five, direct access to the terminal and the TSA checkpoint.

After your return flight to DEN, baggage claim is on level five with a short walk to the terminal under the Westin. There are fare kiosks on the platform.

All aspects the University of Colorado A Line on which we traveled appear to be ADA compliant.