

# TRANSPORTATION - Getting the Bus to Boulder at Denver International Airport (DIA)

## Recommended travel to Limelight Hotel in Boulder:

The fare for the bus to Boulder is \$10. The cost of an Uber/taxi to Boulder is approximately \$100 per trip. R5 is limiting the reimbursement of the cost of an Uber/taxi to Boulder to \$35/person.

## How to access the bus to Boulder at DIA:

The bus from DIA to the Limelight Hotel in Boulder is accessible from the Transit Center at the south end of the airport terminal. The SOUTH end of the terminal adjoins the Westin Hotel.

When you disembark from the train that brings you in from your gate to baggage claim and the airport exits, the escalator from the train level will bring you to the Great Hall on Level 5. If you have checked baggage, it will be on a carousel either on the East Side of the airport or the West Side depending on your airline. Because of airport construction, you must still go through one of the baggage claim areas to get to the Transit Center even if you do not have checked baggage.

If, like me, you are directionally challenged when you are in the airport, either check the compass app on your phone, or remember that if you go to the West Baggage Claim, the South End of the airport will be to your left, and it will be to your right if you go to the East Baggage Claim area.

As you move to the South End of your chosen baggage claim area, you will see signs directing you to the Transit Center which has the PUBLIC BUSES, as shown:



Continuing to follow similar signs, you will soon reach the airport exit to the hotel and public transportation.



In the plaza area outside, take the very long escalator down to the Transit Center on Level 1. (Elevators are available for those who do not like escalators or have too much luggage).



**PAYING FOR THE BUS RIDE:**

There are several alternative ways to pay for your Boulder bus ride.

- 1) The drivers do take exact change cash for fares [please have a \$10 bill if you plan to use this method].
- 2) RTD has an app called RTD MyRide with which you can set up an account with RTD and buy bus passes online. While this may be overkill for one-time usage, the app also provides RTD's

Trip Planner that will generate detailed directions for getting between any two locations served by RTD.

3) In the area at the bottom of the escalator, you will see kiosks where you can purchase bus tickets. Tickets purchased from these kiosks can only be used on the day of purchase, so you cannot purchase your return ticket from these machines. However, there is an RTD Information booth to the left at the bottom of the escalator where you could buy your return ticket.

The bus route to **Boulder is AB1**, and the fare is \$10 [please have a \$10 bill if you plan to use this method]. The AB1 Bus makes multiple stops along the way, and the AB1 bus route takes about an hour. [There is an express bus, AB2, but it makes limited trips and does not stop close to the Limelight Hotel.]



After you have your ticket, you can proceed to the bus platform, which is around to the right and behind the escalator.



**Boulder buses are to the right on the platform at Gate 8.** If your timing is right, your bus to Boulder will be there and waiting for you.



**AT BOULDER BUS STOP:**

Once you reach Boulder, get off the bus at the Broadway and University Avenue bus stop right beside the Limelight Hotel. The telephone number for the Limelight Hotel in Boulder is (303) 547-9266 and is located at 1295 University Ave, Boulder, CO 80302.

**Returning to Denver International Airport:**

For your return trip to DIA, the AB1 bus will stop at Broadway and University in Boulder, across the street from the Limelight hotel. If you have not pre-purchased your return ticket as described above, plan to have exact \$10 cash in hand when you board. The bus will again make multiple stops along the route back to the airport, and you will disembark the bus at the DIA Transit Center Airport Station Gate 6. After leaving the bus, you will take the very long escalator back up to the Great Hall on Level 5, follow the signs to the new East and West security checkpoints on Level 6 and then on to your gate.