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**RNL Deepens Urban and Transit Planning Expertise  
With Hire of Steve Wilensky**

(DENVER) Sept. 8, 2015 – **Steve Wilensky** has joined **RNL Design**, an international architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, planning, and urban design firm, as **Director of Urban and Transit Planning**. In his new role, **Wilensky** will lead design efforts and oversee planning for RNL’s Urban and Transit Planning practice in North America.

“RNL is nationally known for our strong Transit practice, and developing our transit oriented development and urban planning practice – the people side of transit projects – was a natural next step for us,” said **Rich von Lührte, FAIA, President of RNL**. “Steve has already made a significant impact on the Colorado transit landscape. Every day, commuters benefit from the work he led designing various segments of the RTD Light Rail system and multi-modal projects throughout the Metro area. We’re confident Steve will be a seamless addition to our team and a tremendous asset on RNL’s urban planning and transit projects.”

**RNL’s** Transportation practice has included award-winning projects such as the LA Metro El Monte Transit Center in El Monte, Calif. and the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Administration and Maintenance Facility in Harrisonburg, Virg. The practice is currently the largest at **RNL**, which has a staff of more than 120 in offices in Denver, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Abu Dhabi.

In his new role with the practice, **Wilensky** brings with him a broad range of urban design experience and a portfolio of award-winning work in both the U.S. and Canada. Throughout his career, he has managed and provided design leadership on a variety of multidisciplinary projects involving multimodal, transportation engineering, urban design, landscape architecture, bridge architecture, and public process. His work can be seen in public transit projects across North America, including the Green Line in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Southeast Extension Light Rail in Edmonton, Alberta, the I-225 Light Rail Corridor here in Denver, T-REX, the 28<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor in Boulder and the Highland Bridge.

“Transit and public works projects require the input of a number of stakeholders, often with competing interests,” **Wilensky** said. “Over the years, I’ve learned how to work efficiently with all stakeholders on a project to find sensible, cost-effective ways to create public spaces that genuinely enhance the quality of life of the people who use them. I look forward to putting that expertise to use on **RNL’s** urban and transit projects.”

**Wilensky** is a registered Landscape Architect and is also an adjunct faculty member of the University of Colorado and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

**About RNL Design**

**RNL** is a global, full-service sustainable design firm offering architecture, interior design, planning, urban design, landscape architectural, and lighting design services. Founded in 1956, **RNL** is one of the nation’s leading firms in the planning and design of architecturally-inspired transit, municipal,

federal, and commercial facilities. **RNL** has been recognized for its outstanding architectural design with numerous architectural awards, as well as among its peers as one of the most sustainable design firms, having designed and completed the first LEED Platinum transit operations & maintenance facility in the nation, the largest net zero energy office building in the country, and the largest net zero energy project for a public utility. **RNL** has offices in Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Washington DC, and Abu Dhabi.

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