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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TRANSIT REFORM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
102 CREATING STUDY, PLANNING, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;
103 INCREASING COORDINATION AMONG TRANSIT AGENCIES,
104 GOVERNMENT, AND PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS; AUTHORIZING
105 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO
106 SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS; CREATING A REGIONAL
107 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE; ==
108 REQUIRING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO
109 EMPHASIZE RIDERSHIP GROWTH, WORKER RETENTION, SAFETY,
110 AND STATEWIDE CLIMATE GOALS; AND MAKING AN
111 APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
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The bill makes the following changes for the purpose of improving the performance of the regional transportation district (RTD):

- Authorizes RTD to enter into a service partnership agreement with a local government, institution of higher education, or other entity to expand services within RTD's service territory (**section 2** of the bill);
- Requires RTD, in discharging its responsibilities, to (**section 3**):
 - Align with statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets, "Transportation Vision 2035" goals, and mode choice targets as will be developed according to Senate Bill 25-030, if enacted;
 - Create worker retention goals;
 - Adhere to the requirements of "General Directive 24-1: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers", issued on September 25, 2024, by the federal transit administration of the United States department of transportation; and
 - Develop performance measures to evaluate its progress in aligning with state climate goals and achieving its worker retention goals;
- Requires RTD to create a 10-year strategic plan no later than April 10, 2026, and a comprehensive operational analysis no less frequently than every 5 years beginning in 2026, and to report quarterly to the RTD board of directors regarding the plan and analysis (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD, in conjunction with the creation of its 10-year strategic plan, to study or contract with a third party to study and identify opportunities to increase funding to achieve the goals, measures, and targets identified in the 10-year strategic plan (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to create, maintain, and publish on its website information and dashboards related to capital projects, ridership and service information, planned service changes, workforce statistics, and transit safety (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to update its service policies and standards, its equitable transit-oriented development policy, and its service buy-up policy, to create specific communication protocols, and to implement parking and transportation

- demand management strategies and policies (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to periodically notify the Denver regional council of governments (DRCOG) and the department of local affairs of any known infrastructure gaps that exist within specific areas of a transit-oriented community within RTD's service territory (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to modernize and advertise its EcoPass and low-income fare discount programs (**section 4**);
- Adds 2 nonvoting ex officio members to the RTD board of directors (RTD board), to be appointed by the executive director of the department of transportation and by DRCOG (**sections 6 and 8**); and
- Prohibits write-in candidates for the RTD board (**section 7**).

The bill also requires other entities to analyze opportunities for the improvement of transit services by:

- Requiring the transportation commission to develop and publish best practices and technical assistance materials concerning the creation of regional transportation authorities to increase funding for transit and to provide additional transit services within the state (**section 5**); and
- Creating an RTD accountability committee within the Colorado energy office that consists of 13 appointed members. On or before January 30, 2026, the commission is required to provide recommendations to the transportation committees of the general assembly concerning the governance structure and compensation of the RTD board and executive leadership, the representation of local governments and state agencies within RTD, and RTD's workforce retention (**section 9**).

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-102, **add** (2) as
3 follows:

4 **32-9-102. Legislative declaration.** (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5 FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (a) TRANSPORTATION IS CRITICAL TO DAILY LIFE AND COMMERCE,
7 YET OUR METHODS CONTRIBUTE TO SEVERAL CHALLENGES FACING THE
8 REGION, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTION, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,

1 AFFORDABILITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND EQUITY;
2 (b) EXPANDING MASS TRANSPORTATION PRESENTS A VITAL
3 OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS,
4 DECREASE POLLUTION, REDUCE CONGESTION, MINIMIZE FATALITIES AND
5 SERIOUS INJURIES WHILE IMPROVING ACCESS TO KEY DESTINATIONS,
6 PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSIT-RELIANT POPULATIONS, AND STIMULATE
7 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND

8 (c) THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SHALL
9 PRIORITIZE PROVIDING FAST, FREQUENT, RELIABLE, AND SAFE SERVICE TO
10 MAXIMIZE RIDERSHIP LEVELS ACROSS THE REGION.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119, **amend** (1)
12 introductory portion and (1)(y); and **add** (1)(z) as follows:

13 **32-9-119. Additional powers of district.** (1) In addition to any
14 other powers granted to the district in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9, the district
15 has the following powers:

16 (y) To exercise all or any part or combination of the powers
17 granted in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9; AND

18 (z) TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH A
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS OR
20 HOUSING ENTITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT TO EXPAND SERVICES WITHIN THE
21 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY, OR BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
22 DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, BY:

23 (I) SHARING RESOURCES AND THE MEANS OF PROVIDING
24 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES; OR

25 (II) COOPERATING ON THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR
26 IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES.

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.5, **add**

1 (2)(e) as follows:

2 **32-9-119.5. Competition to provide vehicular service within**
3 **the regional transportation district - definition.** (2) (e) (I) TO PROVIDE
4 VEHICULAR SERVICE OTHER THAN FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE, THE DISTRICT OR
5 A QUALIFIED PRIVATE BUSINESS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR LOCAL
6 GOVERNMENT SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THE THREE
7 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THE PROPOSED SERVICE COMPARED TO
8 A FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE:

9 (A) A FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE IS LESS COST EFFECTIVE PER
10 PASSENGER MILE;

11 (B) A FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE WOULD PRODUCE MORE CARBON
12 EMISSIONS; OR

13 (C) A FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE WOULD PROVIDE LESS SERVICE IN
14 TERMS OF NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS CARRIED AND PASSENGER MILES
15 TRAVELED.

16 (II) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e), "FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE"
17 MEANS VEHICULAR SERVICE ON A PREDETERMINED ROUTE AND SCHEDULE.

18 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e) DOES NOT APPLY TO VEHICULAR
19 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OR TO VEHICULAR SERVICES
20 ESTABLISHED BEFORE MAY 1, 2025.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **repeal**
22 (1); and **add** (10) , (11), and (12) as follows:

23 **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - climate goals -**
24 **employee retention goals - reporting - plans.** (1) ~~The general assembly~~
25 ~~hereby finds and declares that surface transportation in the Denver~~
26 ~~metropolitan area is a major problem confronting not only the citizens of~~
27 ~~the metropolitan area but also the citizens of the entire state of Colorado.~~

1 ~~The general assembly further finds that, although mass transportation is~~
2 ~~one component of an effective surface transportation system, the~~
3 ~~allocation of resources to mass transportation must be made in light of all~~
4 ~~surface transportation needs. The general assembly further finds that the~~
5 ~~district should be organized efficiently, economically, and on a~~
6 ~~demand-responsive basis and that the district should consider least-cost~~
7 ~~alternatives in discharging its responsibilities.~~

8 (10) IN DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE DISTRICT SHALL
9 ALIGN WITH THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS SET FORTH IN
10 SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g); THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE GOVERNOR'S
11 "TRANSPORTATION VISION 2035", WHICH INCLUDES AN EIGHTY-THREE
12 PERCENT INCREASE IN TRANSIT SERVICE BY 2035; AND THE MODE CHOICE
13 TARGETS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1-138, AS ADDED BY
14 SENATE BILL 25-030, ENACTED IN 2025. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP
15 PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS IN ALIGNING WITH
16 THESE STATE CLIMATE GOALS. IN ASSESSING CLIMATE IMPACT, THE
17 DISTRICT SHALL CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH ITS SERVICES REDUCE
18 VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED BY INCREASING TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND
19 ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENSE, WALKABLE, AND LESS
20 CAR-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS AND CORRIDORS
21 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT'S GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA.

22 (11) THE DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH GOALS FOR EMPLOYEE
23 RETENTION. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO
24 EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS TOWARD ITS EMPLOYEE RETENTION GOALS.

25 (12) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
26 "GENERAL DIRECTIVE 24-1: REQUIRED ACTIONS REGARDING ASSAULTS
27 ON TRANSIT WORKERS", ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, BY THE

1 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
2 OF TRANSPORTATION.

3 (13) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL
4 REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
5 CREATED IN SECTION 43-2-145 (1)(a) ON THE DISTRICT'S FIVE-YEAR
6 FINANCIAL FORECAST, DEBT CAPACITY, AND USE OF AGENCY RESERVE
7 ACCOUNTS. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A COMPARISON OF COMPARABLE
8 TRANSIT AGENCIES IN OTHER STATES.

9 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (13) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

10 SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 32-9-165,
11 32-9-166, 32-9-167, and 32-9-168 as follows:

12 **32-9-165. Planning - ten-year plan - comprehensive**
13 **operational analysis - reporting - funding study - transit-oriented**
14 **community infrastructure. (1) Ten-year strategic plan. (a) NO LATER**
15 **THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A TEN-YEAR**
16 **STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PLAN MUST:**

17 (I) IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE
18 DISTRICT SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS, IDENTIFY PERFORMANCE
19 MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR SERVICE, RIDERSHIP, ENROLLMENT IN THE
20 DISTRICT'S ECOPASS PROGRAM AND INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT
21 PROGRAM, AND THE PERCENTAGES OF RESIDENCES AND JOBS WITHIN
22 ONE-QUARTER MILE OF A FREQUENT TRANSIT ROUTE. THE PERFORMANCE
23 MEASURES AND TARGETS MUST ALIGN WITH STATE AND REGIONAL GOALS
24 FOR MODE CHOICE, LAND USE, CLIMATE, EQUITY, AND SAFETY;

25 (II) IDENTIFY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES,
26 INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND
27 SERVICES, REQUIRED TO MEET SERVICE AND RIDERSHIP GOALS

1 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT'S GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA OVER THE
2 TEN-YEAR PERIOD;

3 (III) INCLUDE A FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN OUTLINING THE
4 TRANSIT PROJECTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FUNDED
5 WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET, WHICH MUST BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY IF
6 THE FUNDING PICTURE CHANGES SUBSTANTIALY;

7 (IV) INCLUDE A FISCALLY UNCONSTRAINED OPTION THAT
8 DESCRIBES SERVICE AND INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO MEET THE DISTRICT'S
9 IDENTIFIED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR SERVICE,
10 RIDERSHIP, AND THE PERCENTAGES OF RESIDENCES AND JOBS WITHIN
11 ONE-QUARTER MILE OF A FREQUENT TRANSIT ROUTE; AND

12 (V) IDENTIFY EXPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC
13 IMPACTS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRANSPORTATION
14 PLAN.

15 (b) FOR EACH SERVICE, FACILITY, OR CAPITAL PROJECT IDENTIFIED
16 IN THE TEN-YEAR PLAN, THE PLAN MUST SPECIFY AND REGULARLY UPDATE
17 AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE:

18 (I) THE TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO
19 BE COMPLETED;

20 (II) THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO
21 COMPLETE THE PROJECT; AND

22 (III) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE TOTAL
23 ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE
24 AMOUNT OF FUNDING FROM EACH FUNDING SOURCE THAT HAS BEEN
25 ALLOCATED FOR THE PROJECT OR IS ANTICIPATED TO BE ALLOCATED FOR
26 THE PROJECT.

27 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

1 IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH MAJOR UPDATE TO THE DENVER REGIONAL
2 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

3 (d) IN CREATING THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT
4 SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE
5 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND LOCAL
6 GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

7 (e) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CREATION OF ITS TEN-YEAR
8 STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT SHALL STUDY AND IDENTIFY OR CONTRACT
9 WITH A THIRD PARTY TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO
10 INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S FUNDING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS, MEASURES,
11 AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.

12 (2) **Comprehensive operational analysis.** NO LATER THAN APRIL
13 10, 2026, AND NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS
14 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE
15 OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS. THE ANALYSIS MUST:

16 (a) ASSESS EXISTING SERVICES AND TRAVEL PATTERNS;

17 (b) EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND FUNDING
18 OPPORTUNITIES;

19 (c) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TRANSIT ROUTES OR SERVICES FOR
20 IMPLEMENTATION AS IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PROJECTS
21 LIST OF THE APPLICABLE TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF
22 THIS SECTION; AND

23 (d) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACHIEVING THE GOALS
24 IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICABLE TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
25 (1) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (3) **Reports.** (a) (I) DURING EACH LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, THE
27 DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT A REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS IN DELIVERING THE

1 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN
2 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL
3 ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
4 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION
5 43-2-145 (1)(a). AS PART OF THE REPORT, THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE
6 GUIDANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AS TO HOW TO ACCESS AND UNDERSTAND
7 THE PLAN AND ANALYSIS, AND THE COMMITTEE MAY, IF IT DETERMINES
8 THAT THE PLAN OR ANALYSIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION
9 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION, INSTRUCT THE
10 DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT ANY MISSING INFORMATION IS PROMPTLY
11 ADDED.

12 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
13 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
14 SUBSECTION (3) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

15 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT QUARTERLY TO ITS BOARD OF
16 DIRECTORS ON ITS PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING THE
17 TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
18 SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS DESCRIBED
19 IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (4) **Transit-oriented community infrastructure.** THE DISTRICT
21 SHALL PERIODICALLY NOTIFY THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
22 GOVERNMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS OF ANY KNOWN
23 INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS THAT EXIST WITHIN A TRANSIT CENTER, AS
24 DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (9), WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE
25 TERRITORY.

26 **32-9-166. Information dashboards.** (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL
27 CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE:

- 1 (a) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS:
- 2 (I) BY TRANSIT ROUTE:
- 3 (A) DATA ON RIDERSHIP, INCLUDING TOTAL RIDERSHIP AND
- 4 WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP;
- 5 (B) ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF
- 6 WHAT CONSTITUTES ON-TIME PERFORMANCE;
- 7 (C) FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO;
- 8 (D) BOARDINGS PER HOUR; AND
- 9 (E) RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; AND
- 10 (II) PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING PERFORMANCE TARGETS
- 11 RELATING TO RIDERSHIP GROWTH AND SERVICE PROVISION;
- 12 (b) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS THE
- 13 DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,
- 14 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES;
- 15 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD ON TRANSIT SAFETY,
- 16 INCLUDING DATA ON PASSENGER SAFETY AND DRIVER SAFETY;
- 17 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT
- 18 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION
- 19 REGARDING EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S IN-PROGRESS CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT
- 20 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; THE FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT,
- 21 INCLUDING THE PROJECT'S TOTAL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE;
- 22 AND THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF EACH
- 23 PROJECT;
- 24 (e) A SUMMARY PAGE FOR PLANNED SERVICE CHANGES THAT
- 25 INCLUDES DETAILED TIMING CHANGES; THE REASONS FOR ANY PLANNED
- 26 CHANGES; AND THE IMPACTS OF THE PLANNED CHANGES, INCLUDING
- 27 EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSFERS; AND

1 (f) THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE
2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN ITS TEN-YEAR
3 STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-5-165 (1). THE DISTRICT
4 SHALL UPDATE THIS PROGRESS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

5 (2) THE DISTRICT SHALL FIRST CREATE AND PUBLISH THE
6 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER
7 THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025.

8 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARDS
9 AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

10 **32-9-167. Required policy updates - service policies and**
11 **standards - equitable transit-oriented development policy - service**
12 **buy-up policy - communication protocols - parking policies and**
13 **strategies. (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EVERY TWO**
14 **YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE ITS SERVICE POLICIES**
15 **AND STANDARDS TO:**

16 (a) DEFINE AND MAP TRANSIT PROPENSITY BASED ON POPULATION
17 DENSITY, INCOME, DIVERSITY, MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP, AND OTHER
18 CHARACTERISTICS THAT INFLUENCE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP;

19 (b) ESTABLISH A CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR SERVICE
20 CHANGES, UNDER WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES INCLUDE PUBLICLY
21 ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION OUTLINING THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES
22 AND HOW THEY ALIGN WITH IDENTIFIED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND
23 THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;

24 (c) WORK WITH ENTITIES HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS TO FACILITATE
25 INCREASED RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM THE EVENTS, SO LONG AS THE
26 FACILITATION OF INCREASED RIDERSHIP IS ADDITIVE TO EXISTING SERVICE;
27 AND

1 (d) EVALUATE AND SET CLEAR AND OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR
2 THE PRODUCTIVITY OF EXISTING ROUTES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING
3 PROVIDING FOR SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS ON THOSE ROUTES IF THEY DO NOT
4 MEET THE IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.

5 (2) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE
6 ITS EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO:

7 (a) ALIGN WITH APPLICABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED POLICIES AND
8 HOUSING OPPORTUNITY GOALS AS DESCRIBED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 35 OF
9 TITLE 29;

10 (b) ALIGN WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARKING
11 REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF TITLE 29; AND

12 (c) ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
13 DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USED COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS
14 AND ROUTES.

15 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL
16 UPDATE ITS SERVICE BUY-UP POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH
17 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO OUTLINE A PROCESS
18 FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS TO PROPOSE TO
19 PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM THE DISTRICT.

20 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL EVALUATE THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICE
21 PROPOSALS AND, WHERE FEASIBLE, CREATE PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THE
22 PROPOSALS.

23 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL
24 CREATE AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE, AS NECESSARY, A POLICY OUTLINING
25 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR:

26 (a) PLANNED AND UNPLANNED SERVICE DISRUPTIONS;

27 (b) SERVICE SUBSTITUTIONS; AND

1 (c) CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SERVICE DISRUPTIONS AND
2 SUBSTITUTIONS.

3 (5) THE DISTRICT SHALL WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN
4 ITS SERVICE TERRITORY TO IMPLEMENT PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION
5 DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO OPTIMIZE THE USE
6 OF NEW AND EXISTING PARKING SUPPLY, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BEST
7 PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS DEVELOPED
8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-35-305.

9 **32-9-168. EcoPass program - bulk purchasers - apartment**
10 **building survey - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
11 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

12 (a) "BULK PURCHASER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HAS A LEGAL
13 RELATIONSHIP WITH AND THAT PROVIDES GOODS OR SERVICES TO A GROUP
14 OF EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS. "BULK PURCHASER" INCLUDES,
15 WITHOUT LIMITATION, AN EMPLOYER, A BUILDING OWNER OR MANAGER,
16 A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, A BUSINESS
17 OR TRADE ASSOCIATION, A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, A NEIGHBORHOOD
18 ASSOCIATION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ANY COMBINATION OF
19 SUCH ENTITIES.

20 (b) "COVERED DEVELOPMENT" MEANS A DEVELOPMENT THAT
21 CONTAINS OR IS INTENDED TO CONTAIN FIFTY UNITS OR MORE, THAT IS IN
22 AN AREA COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF
23 TITLE 29, AND THAT HAS RECEIVED LAND USE APPROVAL == == FOR A
24 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; ADAPTIVE RE-USE FOR
25 RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; OR ADAPTIVE RE-USE MIXED-USE PURPOSES THAT
26 INCLUDE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF USE FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

27 (c) "EcoPASS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE

1 DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES ANNUAL PREPAID TRANSIT PASSES FOR
2 UNLIMITED USAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S TRANSIT SERVICES. "EcoPASS
3 PROGRAM" INCLUDES THE EcoPASS AND NEIGHBORHOOD EcoPASS
4 PROGRAMS, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS.

5 (2) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADMINISTER AN OUTREACH PROGRAM
6 TO PROMOTE THE EcoPASS PROGRAM TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN
7 CONDUCTING OUTREACH, THE DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING
8 INFORMATION TO THE BULK PURCHASER:

9 (I) SUCCINCT INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND PLANNED TRANSIT
10 SERVICE WITHIN THE AREA RELEVANT TO THE BULK PURCHASER,
11 INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROXIMITY, FREQUENCY, AND
12 POPULARITY OF APPLICABLE TRANSIT ROUTES; AND

13 (II) THE ESTIMATED PER-USER COST EXPRESSED IN PER-YEAR AND
14 PER-MONTH TERMS. IF THE BULK PURCHASER IS AN EMPLOYER, THE
15 PER-USER COST MUST INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATIVE
16 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TAX CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SECTION
17 39-22-509.

18 (b) THE OUTREACH PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE PERIODIC PROACTIVE
19 OUTREACH TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN CONDUCTING PROACTIVE OUTREACH,
20 THE DISTRICT SHALL PRIORITIZE BULK PURCHASERS IN AND NEAR TRANSIT
21 CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (9), NEIGHBORHOOD
22 CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (5), AND APPLICABLE TRANSIT
23 SERVICE AREAS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-302 (3).

24 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT THE OUTREACH PROGRAM IN
25 COORDINATION WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
26 AND WITH TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS THAT PARTNER
27 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S "WAY TO GO"

1 PROGRAM.

2 (d) THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE
3 PRICING INFORMATION FOR THE EcoPASS PROGRAM ON ITS PUBLIC-FACING
4 WEBSITE, WHICH MUST INCLUDE ANY GEOGRAPHIC PRICE
5 DIFFERENTIATION.

6 (3) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
7 MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BULK PURCHASERS AND
8 THE RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, INCLUDING THE BULK
9 PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS.

10 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
11 ENROLL ALL RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES AT ONE TIME,
12 RATHER THAN ENROLLING A BULK PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS,
13 OR MEMBERS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

14 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
15 ALLOW A GROUP OF RELATED BULK PURCHASERS THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE
16 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS
17 OF EACH RELATED BULK PURCHASER TO APPLY WITH ONE APPLICATION FOR
18 ENROLLMENT IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM

19 (d) (I) THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD EcoPASS
20 PROGRAM PRICING STRATEGY BY JULY 1, 2026.

21 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
22 2027.

23 (e) THE DISTRICT SHALL COMPENSATE A BULK PURCHASER OF A
24 NEIGHBORHOOD EcoPASS TO DEFRAY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AT A
25 REASONABLE AMOUNT AND THROUGH A METHOD DETERMINED BY THE
26 DISTRICT.

27 (f) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,

1 MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BULK PURCHASERS AND
2 THE RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, AS WELL AS TAKE STEPS
3 TO IMPROVE UTILIZATION BY EcoPASS HOLDERS, BY INCLUDING
4 GUARANTEED RIDE HOME SERVICES ALONG WITH EACH BULK EcoPASS.

5 (4) (a) NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2026, OR ONE YEAR AFTER THE
6 DATE THAT THE FIRST RESIDENT MOVES INTO A COVERED DEVELOPMENT,
7 WHICHEVER IS LATER, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL SURVEY ITS
8 RESIDENTS ABOUT THE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN HAVING THE COVERED
9 DEVELOPMENT PROVIDE BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO ITS RESIDENTS.
10 THE SURVEY MUST INCLUDE THE PER-USER COST OF THE BULK-PURCHASED
11 EcoPASSES, AS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT.

12 (b) IF A MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS RESPOND TO THE SURVEY
13 THAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE
14 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL
15 ENROLL IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THE OWNER OR
16 MANAGER OF THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT IS THE CENTRALIZED PAYER OF
17 THE COSTS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EcoPASS PROGRAM, WHICH
18 IT MAY RECOUP FROM ITS RESIDENTS.

19 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE
20 AND PUBLISH AN ONLINE SURVEY TOOL THAT COVERED DEVELOPMENTS
21 MAY USE TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4).

22 (5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE
23 EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON THE
24 EcoPASS PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
26 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
27 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE

1 INFORMATION CONCERNING:

2 (I) THE DISTRICT'S OUTREACH EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
3 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING QUANTITATIVE DETAILS ON
4 THE DISTRICT'S PROACTIVE OUTREACH;

5 (II) THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
6 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

7 (III) THE SURVEY REQUIRED FOR COVERED DEVELOPMENTS, AS
8 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE NUMBER
9 AND RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS CONDUCTED.

10 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
11 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
12 SUBSECTION (5)(a) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

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14 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-1-106, **amend**
15 (15) introductory portion; and **add** (15)(f) as follows:

16 **43-1-106. Transportation commission - efficiency and**
17 **accountability committee - powers and duties - report - rules -**
18 **definitions.** (15) In addition to any other duties required by law, the
19 commission ~~shall have~~ HAS the following charges:

20 (f) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2026, TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH
21 BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS CONCERNING
22 THE CREATION OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES PURSUANT
23 TO THE "REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LAW", PART 6 OF
24 ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 43, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR TRANSIT AND TO
25 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE.

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-109.5, **amend**
27 (4) as follows: _____

1 **32-9-109.5. Board of directors - membership - powers.** (4) All
2 powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges vested in the district shall
3 be exercised and performed by the board; except that the exercise of any
4 executive, administrative, or ministerial powers may be delegated by the
5 board to officers and employees of the district. THESE POWERS, DUTIES,
6 FUNCTIONS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO ANY
7 OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 9:
8 (a) SETTING POLICY OBJECTIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY
9 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT;
10 (b) HIRING AND MANAGING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER
11 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER;
12 (c) OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL COUNSEL;
13 (d) DEVELOPING, ADOPTING, AND OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S
14 BUDGET, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET WITH PROJECT COSTS
15 AND FINANCING MECHANISMS;
16 (e) DEVELOPING AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR
17 STRATEGIC PLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;
18 (f) ENGAGING WITH CONSTITUENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
20 GOVERNMENTS, TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO
21 OBTAIN INPUT AND FEEDBACK ON THE DISTRICT'S DECISIONS AND
22 OPERATIONS;
23 (g) PURSUING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND
24 MAKE TRANSIT SERVICES COMPETITIVE WITH DRIVING; ==
25 (h) DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING STRATEGIES AND LEGISLATION
26 TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT HAS THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO
27 IMPLEMENT ITS STRATEGIC TEN-YEAR PLAN;

1 (i) MEETING QUARTERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 TRANSPORTATION AND WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
3 GOVERNMENTS AND MEETING BIANNUALLY WITH ANY LABOR
4 ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN 24-34-401 (6), THAT REPRESENTS SOME OR
5 ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES;
6 (j) PERFORMING AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S CHIEF
7 FINANCIAL OFFICER, IN THE DISTRICT'S DISCRETION; AND
8 (k) CONDUCTING AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE DISTRICT.

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10 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-111, **add** (5)(g)
11 as follows:

12 **32-9-111. Election of directors - dates - terms.** (5) (g) (I) A
13 CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED DIRECTOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS A
14 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

15 (II) (A) IF, FOR ANY DISTRICT ELECTION, THERE IS NOT A
16 CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR WHO IS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION PURSUANT
17 TO THIS SECTION, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED IN LIEU OF THE DIRECTOR
18 BEING ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT. IN SUCH
19 CASE, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
20 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT IS
21 LOCATED OR, IN THE CASE OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT IN A CITY AND
22 COUNTY, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND
23 COUNTY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL. IN THE CASE OF A
24 DIRECTOR DISTRICT THAT CONTAINS TERRITORY IN TWO OR MORE
25 COUNTIES, OR IN A CITY AND COUNTY AND IN ONE OR MORE COUNTIES, A
26 DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
27 THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF

1 THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT RESIDE; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE LARGEST NUMBER
2 OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT RESIDE IN THE CITY AND
3 COUNTY, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND
4 COUNTY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

5 (B) A DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
6 (5)(g)(II) SERVES UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION, AT
7 WHICH THE DIRECTOR POSITION IS FILLED BY ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS
8 SECTION.

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10 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-38.5-123 as
11 follows:

12 **24-38.5-123. Regional transportation district accountability**
13 **committee - creation - membership - report - definitions - repeal.**

14 (1) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
15 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (a) "COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE" OR "OFFICE" MEANS THE
17 COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101.

18 (b) "DISTRICT" MEANS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
19 CREATED IN ARTICLE 9 OF TITLE 32.

20 (c) "RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE" OR "COMMITTEE" MEANS
21 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
22 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (2) **Membership.** (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO
24 ENERGY OFFICE THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
25 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO
26 EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT AS
27 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (b) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FOURTEEN VOTING MEMBERS
2 AND ONE EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER AS FOLLOWS:

3 (I) SIX VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,
4 INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
5 DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF
6 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, AND FOUR MEMBERS WHO
7 COLLECTIVELY HAVE EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

8 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA;

9 (B) FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;

10 (C) MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION; AND

11 (D) ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION;

12 (II) THREE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
13 THE SENATE, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF
14 AGE OR YOUNGER AND WHO USES DISTRICT SERVICES, AND TWO MEMBERS
15 WHO COLLECTIVELY HAVE EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

16 (A) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND

17 (B) TRANSPORTATION EQUITY;

18 (III) ONE VOTING MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN ECONOMIC
19 DEVELOPMENT, APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE;

20 (IV) THREE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
21 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING:

22 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS TRANSIT RIDERS WITH
23 DISABILITIES;

24 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE LABOR ORGANIZATION
25 THAT REPRESENTS A PLURALITY OF TRANSIT WORKERS OF THE DISTRICT;

26 AND

27 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN URBAN PLANNING;

1 (V) ONE VOTING MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN SAFETY FOR THE
2 PUBLIC AND TRANSIT WORKERS, APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND

4 (VI) ONE EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT
5 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, APPOINTED BY
6 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.

7 (c) THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE
8 AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

9 (d) (I) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE
10 APPOINTMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER
11 THAN AUGUST 1, 2025.

12 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE
13 OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE
14 DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTENCE.

15 (III) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COMMITTEE FOR ANY REASON,
16 THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO
17 FILL THE VACANCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.
18 IN MAKING THE VACANCY APPOINTMENT, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY
19 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS THE EXPERTISE
20 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (e) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES WITHOUT
22 COMPENSATION.

23 (f) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN
24 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

25 (g) THE OFFICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE
26 IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES.

27 **(3) Evaluation and recommendations.** (a) THE PURPOSE OF THE

1 COMMITTEE IS TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

2 (I) THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3 AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

4 (II) COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND

5 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

6 (III) THE PARATRANSIT SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE

7 DISTRICT'S GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION

8 (3)(a)(III), "PARATRANSIT SERVICES" MEANS COMPLEMENTARY PARALLEL

9 TRANSIT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNABLE

10 TO UTILIZE REGULAR OR FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES FOR SOME OR

11 ALL OF THEIR TRANSIT NEEDS.

12 (IV) HOW TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT CAN BE

13 EXPANDED WHILE ENSURING GOOD-PAYING JOBS WITH BENEFITS FOR

14 TRANSIT SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS, GIVEN STATE

15 INVESTMENTS TO EXPAND TRANSIT IN THE STATE;

16 (V) HOW TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT MAY BE SERVED

17 BY IMPLEMENTING EMPLOYER HARMONY AGREEMENTS THAT PROTECT

18 AGAINST LABOR DISPUTES AND OTHER DISRUPTIONS THAT CAN LEAD TO

19 WORKFORCE RETENTION CHALLENGES AND SERVICE RELIABILITY AND

20 SAFETY CONCERNS;

21 (VI) THE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE

22 AGENCIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND

23 (VII) THE DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE RETENTION.

24 (b) THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS INTENDED TO BUILD ON THE WORK

25 OF THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CREATED IN 2020.

26 THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BEGIN ITS EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THIS

27 SUBSECTION (3) WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF EACH

1 RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY
2 COMMITTEE'S JULY 2021 FINAL REPORT, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF
3 EXISTING DISTRICT SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS AND IDENTIFICATION
4 OF OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
5 SERVICE COUNCILS.

6 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2026, THE COMMITTEE SHALL
7 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, AND
9 THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
10 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT INCLUDES A SUMMARY OF THE WORK
11 ACCOMPLISHED BY THE RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, THE FINDINGS
12 OF ITS EVALUATION, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY CONCERNING MATTERS EVALUATED BY THE COMMITTEE.

14 (4) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

15 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-1204, amend
16 (3)(c)(I), (3)(d) introductory portion, (3)(d)(II)(A), (3)(d)(II)(B), and
17 (3)(d)(II)(C); and add (3)(e) as follows:

18 **43-4-1204. Production fee for clean transit imposed by the**
19 **enterprise - local transit operations program - local transit grant**
20 **program - rail funding program - cash funds - report.** (3) (c) Pursuant
21 to the purposes of the local transit operations program, the enterprise shall
22 allocate money from the local transit operations cash fund to eligible
23 entities using a formula developed by the board, which shall be based on
24 population, population density, local zoning, transit ridership, vehicle
25 revenue miles, share of disproportionately impacted community
26 population, and other transit-related criteria. An eligible entity that is
27 awarded money from the local transit operations cash fund shall:

1 (I) Prior to receiving any money, submit the eligible entity's most
2 recent service improvement plan or system optimization plan
3 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS to the board and describe how
4 the money would be used to expand transit service, increase transit
5 frequency, improve system-wide transit connectivity, and meet the other
6 purposes described in subsection (3)(b) of this section;

7 (d) An eligible entity, EXCEPT FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION,
8 awarded money pursuant to subsection (3)(c) of this section that provides
9 service to areas with a population of one million individuals or more
10 shall:

11 (II) Create, maintain, and regularly update the following on the
12 eligible entity's website:

13 (A) An annual update regarding the eligible entity's financial plan
14 that includes a detailed report of all the eligible entity's capital projects
15 that are in progress AND THAT EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS;

16 (B) A quarterly update regarding all of the eligible entity's capital
17 projects that are in progress AND THAT EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS,
18 including a project schedule and project expenditure information for each
19 project;

20 (C) A public accountability dashboard that provides, at a
21 minimum, accessible and transparent summary information regarding
22 each of the eligible entity's capital projects that is in progress AND THAT
23 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; the funding status of each project,
24 including the project's total funding and expenditures to date; and the
25 eligible entity's progress toward the completion of each project;

26 (e) FOR MONEY AWARDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF
27 THIS SECTION THAT IS AWARDED NO LATER THAN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR

1 BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025, AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY MAY BE EXEMPT FROM
2 THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (3)(c)(I) AND (3)(d) OF
3 THIS SECTION, IN THE ENTERPRISE'S DISCRETION, IF THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY
4 SUBMITS TO THE ENTERPRISE BY JULY 1, 2025, A PLAN OUTLINING HOW IT
5 WILL MEET THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

6 **SECTION 11. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
7 \$146,720 is appropriated to the office of the governor for use by the
8 Colorado energy office. This appropriation is from the general fund and
9 is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional 0.1
10 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for
11 program administration.

12 **SECTION 12. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
15 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
16 institutions.