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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TRANSIT REFORM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
102 MODIFYING THE DUTIES AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF  
103 DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT,  
104 REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
105 IMPLEMENT A BUS DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM, REQUIRING  
106 TRANSIT PROVIDERS TO COORDINATE WITH METROPOLITAN  
107 PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS ON CERTAIN MATTERS, AND  
108 MODIFYING THE ALLOWABLE USE OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO  
109 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH  
110 THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BURNHAM YARD RAIL PROPERTY.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

*not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill makes modifications to several aspects of the regional transportation district (district), including modifications to increase transit ridership and to promote district transparency and accountability.

**Regional fixed guideway mass transit systems.** In connection with the district's authority to implement regional fixed guideway mass transit systems, **section 2** of the bill requires the district to:

- Submit its proposed fixed-route transit service plans to the Denver regional council of governments (DRCOG) for its review and input;
- Coordinate with DRCOG regarding the implementation of fixed-route transit service plans;
- Ensure that district service decisions are consistent with the DRCOG regional transportation plan;
- Coordinate transit and land use decisions to ensure that transit services will be provided to new and existing transit-oriented communities; and
- Acknowledge established transit centers and provide a preference for transit centers when determining transit services and routes.

In addition, **section 2** requires the department of transportation (department), in consultation with DRCOG, to contract with a third party to conduct a study regarding the size of the district and transit-reliant services and to submit the results of the study to specified entities by March 1, 2026. The district board of directors (board) is required to take into consideration the findings of the study in the creation of its 10-year strategic plan, which **section 13** requires the board to create.

**Section 3** specifies that in operating a fixed guideway mass transit system, the district is required to coordinate its schedule with the schedules of other transit providers to facilitate the use of transit across the district and relevant transit entities.

**Current board through December 31, 2024.** Currently, the board consists of 15 directors, each of whom is elected to serve a 4-year term by the eligible electors in one of 15 director districts. District elections are held in November of even-numbered years, and each director represents only the residents of the director district in which the director was elected. Of the 15 directors on the current board, 8 directors were elected in November 2020 for terms that expire on December 31, 2024, and 7 directors were elected in November 2022 for terms that expire on December 31, 2026.

**Section 4** terminates the current board on December 31, 2024, and

specifies that the offices of the 8 directors whose terms expire on December 31, 2024, will not be filled at the district election in November 2024. **Section 4** also specifies that the offices of the 7 directors whose terms expire on December 31, 2026, will not be filled at the November 2026 district election, and that those 7 directors will serve the last 2 years of their terms on a newly created transitional board that will govern the district from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

**Transitional board from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.** Beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, the district is governed by a board consisting of 11 voting directors and 3 nonvoting ex officio directors (transitional board), each of whom serves the district at large. **Section 5** specifies that the directors of the transitional board include:

- The 7 directors who were elected to the board at the district election in November 2022 who will serve the second 2 years of their terms as voting directors on the transitional board; except that a vacancy caused on or after January 1, 2025, by such a director will not be filled. In addition, beginning January 1, 2025, each director elected at the November 2022 district election represents the entire district rather than only the director district that the director was elected to represent at such election.
- 2 voting directors who are elected at large by the eligible electors of the district at the November 2024 district election for a 4-year term beginning on January 1, 2025. Such directors serve the first 2 years of their terms on the transitional board and serve the second 2 years of their terms on a newly created board (new board) that will govern the district beginning January 1, 2027.
- 2 voting directors who satisfy certain criteria who are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate for terms beginning January 1, 2025. Of such directors, one serves a 2-year term that expires on December 31, 2026, and one serves a 4-year term, the second 2 years of which the director serves on the new board.
- The executive director of the department or the director's designee, who is a nonvoting ex officio director; and
- 2 nonvoting directors who satisfy certain criteria and who are appointed by DRCOG for terms beginning January 1, 2025. Of such directors, one serves a 2-year term that expires on December 31, 2026, and one serves a 4-year term, the second 2 years of which the director serves on the new board.

**New board beginning January 1, 2027.** Beginning January 1, 2027, the district is governed by a new board that consists of 7 voting

directors and 3 nonvoting directors, all of whom serve 4-year terms. **Section 6** specifies that the directors on the new board include:

- 5 voting directors who are elected by the eligible electors of the district. Of the first 5 elected directors to serve on the new board, 2 directors represent the district at large and are the directors who were elected at the November 2024 district election and served the first 2 years of their terms on the transitional board, and 3 are elected by the eligible electors of one of 3 director districts at the November 2026 district election for terms beginning January 1, 2027.
- 2 voting directors who represent the district at large, satisfy certain criteria, and are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. Of the first directors appointed by the governor, one director is the director who served the first 2 years of the director's term on the transitional board, and one director is appointed by the governor by January 1, 2027, for a term beginning on January 1, 2027.
- The executive director of the department or the director's designee, who is a nonvoting ex officio director; and
- 2 nonvoting directors who represent the district at large, satisfy certain criteria, and are appointed by DRCOG. Of the directors appointed by DRCOG, one director is the director who served the first 2 years of the director's term on the transitional board and one director is appointed by DRCOG by January 1, 2027, for a term beginning on January 1, 2027.

**Section 6** also requires the board, in cooperation with district staff and with community input, to develop an onboarding program for incoming directors and requires each incoming director to complete the onboarding program.

**District elections.** **Section 7** specifies that the last district election held pursuant to current law, where directors were elected by the eligible electors in one of 15 director districts, was the district election in November 2022.

**Section 8** specifies election procedures for the new board. Of the 5 elected directors, 2 directors, who are first elected at the November 2024 district election, must reside in the district but may reside anywhere in the district and 3 directors, who are first elected at the November 2026 district election, must reside in and be elected by the eligible electors who reside in one of 3 new director districts.

Based on information from the 2020 federal decennial census, **section 8** requires the director of research of the legislative council, with the assistance of the director of the office of legislative legal services, to apportion the population of the district into 3 compact and contiguous director districts so that the 3 directors who are required to live in and be

elected by the eligible electors in a particular director district will represent, to the extent practicable, a director district that is equal in population to the other 2 director districts. The director of research of the legislative council must complete the apportionment by August 31, 2025, and submit the recommended apportionment to the Colorado supreme court. The Colorado supreme court is required to amend or approve the recommended apportionment by October 31, 2025. The director of research of the legislative council, with the assistance of the office of legislative legal services, is required to reapportion the district after the 2030 federal decennial census and after each federal decennial census thereafter.

**Section 8** also specifies that:

- The regular district election is held jointly with the state general election in every even-numbered year;
- The district is required to use instant runoff voting for district elections;
- The regular term of office of elected directors is 4 years;
- Nominations for the election of directors for the transitional board and the new board are made by petition in accordance with the general election laws of the state and signed by at least 250 eligible electors residing within the district; and
- A write-in candidate for director is not allowed.

**Additional modifications to statutes governing the board.** In addition, the bill makes the following changes in connection with the expiration of the current board and the creation of the transitional board and the new board:

- **Section 1** modifies the definition of "director district" as applicable to the current board, the transitional board, and the new board;
- **Section 9** specifies that a vacancy caused on or after January 1, 2025, by a director elected at the November 2022 district election, will not be filled. **Section 10** specifies that a vacancy caused by an elected director of the transitional board or the new board is filled by appointment by the governor and that a vacancy of an appointed member of the transitional board or the new board is filled by the appointing authority.
- **Section 11** specifies that any action of the transitional board or the new board requires a majority vote by the directors entitled to vote who are present and voting; and
- **Section 12** specifies that the annual compensation for directors of the transitional board and new board is an amount equal to 20% of the salary paid to a county judge; except that any director of the new board that is a full-time

state or local government official or a full-time state or local government employee serves as a director without additional compensation.

**10-year strategic plan.** By September 1, 2026, **section 13** requires the current board to develop and submit to the general assembly a 10-year strategic plan that addresses the district's plans and strategies to increase ridership, improve transparency, use district-owned land to prioritize certain types of development, and update parking policies to achieve specified goals; support state and regional climate, housing, and transportation goals; and identify funding opportunities to expand transit and improve system efficiency and equity.

In addition, the current board is required to continue working to implement the recommendations of the 2021 "RTD Accountability Committee Final Report" created by DRCOG and the 2020 performance audit of the district and to report its progress to specified entities by December 31, 2025.

**Opportunities to increase ridership.** **Section 14** requires the district to pursue and take advantage of opportunities to increase and build ridership by working with entities that are hosting special events to facilitate increased ridership to and from the events; working with entities to facilitate increased ridership among youth; considering recommendations and requests for changes in service routes or schedules that would result in increased ridership; and identifying land use policies, strategies, and financial tools to enable the development of affordable housing and dense, walkable, mixed-use communities near transit stations and routes.

**District budget and planning.** **Section 15** requires the district to make its annual budget and other specified budget information available to the public on its website in a format that is easy to access, understand, and navigate.

**Section 15** also requires the district to create, maintain, and regularly update on its website information regarding the district's financial plan that includes specified information about district capital projects and to create 3 public accountability dashboards, the first of which provides financial information regarding each district capital project, the second of which shows ridership by route and reliability of service, and the third of which shows specified district workforce statistics.

**Fair market value for use of district transfer facilities.** Current law requires that a person using any portion of a transfer facility for the provision of retail or commercial goods or services or for the provision of residential uses pay rent at fair market value. **Section 16** repeals the requirement that a person pay rent at fair market value for such use of a transfer facility.

**Mass transit bus driver training program.** **Section 17** requires

the department to establish a mass transit bus driver training program to assist in the development and placement of public mass transit bus operators for department-sponsored mass transit services and for other public mass transit operators.

**Coordination between transit providers and metropolitan planning organizations. Section 18** requires a transportation provider to:

- Submit its proposed fixed-route transit service plans to the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in which it is located for its review and input;
- Coordinate with the MPO regarding the implementation of fixed-route transit service plans;
- Ensure that the transit provider's service decisions are consistent with the MPO's regional transportation plan;
- Coordinate transit and land use decisions to ensure that transit services will be provided to new and existing transit-oriented communities; and
- Acknowledge established transit centers and provide a preference for transit centers when determining transit services and routes.

**Instant runoff voting for district elections. Sections 19, 20, and 21** modify the "Uniform Election Code of 1992" to implement instant runoff voting for district elections.

**Money transferred to the department in connection with the Burnham Yard rail property.** On July 1, 2022, the state treasurer transferred \$6,500,000 from the general fund to the state highway fund for an environmental study on relocating the consolidated main rail line away from interstate highway 25 in connection with the development of the Burnham Yard rail property. **Section 22** authorizes the department to instead use the money for site preparation, site enhancements, planning, and facilitating a track alignment that preserves buildable land while promoting transit and rail capacity and increasing safety in connection with the development of the Burnham Yard rail property.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-103, **amend**  
3 (3.5) as follows:

4 **32-9-103. Definitions - repeal.** As used in this article 9, unless  
5 the context otherwise requires:

6 (3.5) "Director district" means: ~~that~~

7 (a) (I) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025, THE area within the district

1 which is represented by one director, AND BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025,  
2 THE AREA WITHIN THE DISTRICT FROM WHICH A DIRECTOR WAS ELECTED.

3 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3.5)(a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY  
4 1, 2027.

5 (b) FOR THE DISTRICT ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2026 AND EACH  
6 DISTRICT ELECTION THEREAFTER, ONE OF THREE AREAS WITHIN THE  
7 DISTRICT IN WHICH CERTAIN ELECTED DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT ARE  
8 REQUIRED TO RESIDE AND WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY ONE DIRECTOR.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-107.3 as  
10 follows:

11 **32-9-107.3. Coordination with local governments - district size**  
12 **and services - coordination with local land use decisions - study.**

13 (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO  
14 BETTER ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RELY ON TRANSIT SERVICE.  
15 SPECIFICALLY, THE DISTRICT SHALL:

16 (a) SUBMIT THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT  
17 SERVICE PLANS TO THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
18 FOR THE COUNCIL'S REVIEW AND INPUT. THE DISTRICT SHALL COORDINATE  
19 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE  
20 IMPLEMENTATION OF FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICE PLANS AND SHALL  
21 CONSIDER AND MAY INCORPORATE THE COUNCIL'S INPUT WHEN  
22 DETERMINING THE SERVICE PLANS.

23 (b) ENSURE THAT DISTRICT SERVICE DECISIONS ARE CONSISTENT  
24 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' REGIONAL  
25 TRANSPORTATION PLAN;

26 (c) COORDINATE TRANSIT AND LAND USE DECISIONS TO ENSURE  
27 THAT TRANSIT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEW AND EXISTING



1 TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES WHEN FEASIBLE; AND

2 (d) ACKNOWLEDGE ESTABLISHED TRANSIT CENTERS AND PROVIDE  
3 A PREFERENCE FOR TRANSIT CENTERS WHEN DETERMINING TRANSIT  
4 SERVICES AND ROUTES.

5 (2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONSULTATION  
6 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND WITHIN  
7 AVAILABLE RESOURCES, SHALL CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO  
8 CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE SIZE OF THE DISTRICT AND  
9 TRANSIT-RELIANT SERVICES. THE STUDY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

10 (I) AN EXAMINATION OF THE CURRENT AND FUTURE GEOGRAPHIC  
11 SCOPE OF TRANSIT LINES AND DISTRICT PLANNING;

12 (II) AN EXPLORATION OF ADDING ADDITIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS  
13 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICE AREA OF THE DISTRICT;

14 (III) A DETERMINATION OF THE MOST ADEQUATE, EFFICIENT, AND  
15 COST-EFFECTIVE DELIVERY METHODS FOR TRANSIT IN THE SERVICE AREA  
16 OF THE DISTRICT;

17 (IV) A DETERMINATION OF HOW TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF  
18 VARIOUS TRANSIT-RELIANT RIDERS, INCLUDING:

19 (A) THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT TO PHYSICAL  
20 ACCESSIBILITY OF BUSES, TRAINS, BUS STOPS, AND STATIONS;  
21 PARATRANSIT OPTIONS; AND THE OVERALL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY;

22 (B) SENIORS WHO RELY ON TRANSIT AND THE OVERALL NEEDS OF  
23 THE SENIOR COMMUNITY;

24 (C) PARENTS AND CHILDREN WHO RELY ON TRANSIT TO TRAVEL TO  
25 AND FROM WORK, CHILD CARE, AND SCHOOL; AND

26 (D) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND  
27 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE TRANSIT-RELIANT;

1 (V) A DETERMINATION OF HOW TO EXPAND THE USE OF  
2 MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO BETTER CONNECT  
3 COMMUNITIES AND MAXIMIZE RIDERSHIP ACROSS THE SYSTEM; AND

4 (VI) A DETERMINATION OF HOW TO ALIGN THE DISTRICT'S MISSION  
5 WITH REGIONAL AND STATE CLIMATE GOALS AND ANTICIPATED GROWTH  
6 TO ENCOURAGE GREATER DENSITY AND REDUCE COMMUTE TIMES.

7 (b) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ENSURE THAT  
8 THE THIRD PARTY CONTRACTED TO CONDUCT THE STUDY SEEKS FEEDBACK  
9 FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT,  
10 AND THE COMMUNITIES SERVED BY THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE  
11 TRANSIT-RELIANT RIDERS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS  
12 SECTION.

13 (c) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL SUBMIT THE  
14 RESULTS OF THE STUDY TO THE BOARD, THE TRANSPORTATION  
15 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 43-2-145, AND THE  
16 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR BY MARCH 1, 2026.

17 (d) THE BOARD SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FINDINGS  
18 OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) IN THE  
19 CREATION OF THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 32-9-118.3.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-107.5, **add** (4)  
22 as follows:

23 **32-9-107.5. Regional fixed guideway mass transit system -**  
24 **authorization.** (4) THE DISTRICT SHALL COORDINATE ITS SCHEDULE WITH  
25 THE SCHEDULES OF OTHER TRANSIT PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE TRANSFER  
26 SERVICES TO FACILITATE THE USE OF TRANSIT ACROSS THE DISTRICT AND  
27 RELEVANT TRANSIT ENTITIES.

1           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-109.5, **amend**  
2 (1), (2), and (3); and **add** (5) as follows:

3           **32-9-109.5. Board of directors through December 31, 2024 -**  
4 **membership - powers - termination of board - repeal.** (1) (a) Effective  
5 January 1, 1983, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, the governing body of  
6 the district ~~shall be~~ IS a board of directors consisting of fifteen persons,  
7 each of whom is an eligible elector residing within the director district.

8           (b) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
9 DISTRICT IS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CREATED IN SECTION 32-9-109.6.

10           (2) PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER 2024 DISTRICT ELECTION, members  
11 of the board of directors ~~shall be~~ ARE elected as provided in section  
12 32-9-111.

13           (3) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF  
14 THIS SECTION, the terms of members of the board serving on December  
15 31, 1982, shall expire on January 1, 1983, and a new board, constituted  
16 pursuant to this section shall take office on January 1, 1983, after having  
17 been elected pursuant to section 32-9-111.

18           (b) (I) THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION EXPIRES  
19 ON DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND A NEW BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 32-9-109.6 TAKES EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2025.

21           (II) (A) THE TERMS OF DIRECTORS WHO WERE ELECTED AT THE  
22 NOVEMBER 2020 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111, OR  
23 WHO WERE CHOSEN TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY SUCH A DIRECTOR,  
24 EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024, PURSUANT TO LAW, AND THOSE POSITIONS  
25 ON THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE FILLED AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 DISTRICT  
26 ELECTION.

27           (B) THE TERMS OF DIRECTORS WHO WERE ELECTED AT THE

1 NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111, OR  
2 WHO WERE CHOSEN TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY SUCH A DIRECTOR  
3 PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025, EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2026, PURSUANT TO  
4 LAW, AND THOSE POSITIONS ON THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE FILLED AT THE  
5 NOVEMBER 2026 DISTRICT ELECTION. DIRECTORS WHO WERE ELECTED AT  
6 THE NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRICT ELECTION SERVE THE THIRD AND FOURTH  
7 YEARS OF THE DIRECTOR'S TERM ON THE BOARD CREATED IN SECTION  
8 32-9-109.6.

9 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

10 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-109.6 as  
11 follows:

12 **32-9-109.6. Board of directors from January 1, 2025, to**  
13 **December 31, 2026 - membership - powers - termination of board -**  
14 **repeal.** (1) **Board creation.** EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH  
15 DECEMBER 31, 2026, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DISTRICT IS A BOARD  
16 OF DIRECTORS CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION THAT CONSISTS OF  
17 ELEVEN VOTING DIRECTORS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN  
18 SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(I) AND (5) OF THIS SECTION, AND THREE NONVOTING  
19 EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS. ALL THE DIRECTORS SERVE THE DISTRICT AT  
20 LARGE. THE BOARD CREATED IN THIS SECTION TERMINATES ON DECEMBER  
21 31, 2026, AND EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
22 DISTRICT IS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
23 32-9-109.7.

24 (2) **Board membership.** THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
25 SECTION CONSISTS OF:

26 (a) THE FOLLOWING VOTING DIRECTORS WHO REPRESENT THE  
27 DISTRICT AT LARGE:

1           (I) THE SEVEN DIRECTORS WHO WERE ELECTED PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 32-9-111 AT THE NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRICT ELECTION OR WHO  
3 WERE APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY SUCH A DIRECTOR AND  
4 WHO SERVED THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS OF THEIR TERMS AS  
5 DIRECTORS ON THE BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 32-9-109.5; EXCEPT THAT  
6 A VACANCY CAUSED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, BY A DIRECTOR WHO  
7 WAS ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRICT ELECTION SHALL NOT BE  
8 FILLED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32-9-111  
9 REGARDING THE CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF DIRECTOR DISTRICTS  
10 AND THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO DIRECTOR DISTRICTS, BEGINNING  
11 JANUARY 1, 2025, EACH DIRECTOR ELECTED AS A DIRECTOR AT THE  
12 NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRICT ELECTION AND ANY INDIVIDUAL CHOSEN TO  
13 FILL A VACANCY CAUSED BY SUCH A DIRECTOR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025,  
14 REPRESENTS THE DISTRICT AT LARGE RATHER THAN ONLY THE DIRECTOR  
15 DISTRICT THAT THE DIRECTOR WAS ELECTED TO REPRESENT.

16           (II) TWO DIRECTORS WHO ARE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2024  
17 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111.3 (1)(a) FOR TERMS  
18 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND WHO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT  
19 LARGE; AND

20           (III) TWO DIRECTORS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND  
21 CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE FOR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND  
22 WHO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE. IN MAKING SUCH  
23 APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
24 GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, GENDER, DISABILITY, AND DISPROPORTIONATELY  
25 IMPACTED COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION. THE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY  
26 THE GOVERNOR INCLUDE:

27           (A) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN BUDGETING, PUBLIC

1 FINANCING, OR AUDITING; AND

2 (B) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSIT AGENCY  
3 MANAGEMENT AND USE, SUCH AS TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND USER  
4 EXPERIENCE OR EMPLOYEE RETENTION; AND

5 (b) THE FOLLOWING NONVOTING EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS WHO  
6 REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE AND WHO SERVE ON THE BOARD AS  
7 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32-9-109.7 (2)(c):

8 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 TRANSPORTATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE FOR A TERM  
10 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025; AND

11 (II) TWO DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE DENVER REGIONAL  
12 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, WHO  
13 REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE AND WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN  
14 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING, URBAN PLANNING OR  
15 TRANSIT, OR HUMAN RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.  
16 IN MAKING SUCH APPOINTMENTS, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
17 GOVERNMENTS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL,  
18 GENDER, DISABILITY, AND DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY  
19 REPRESENTATION. THE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE DENVER REGIONAL  
20 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE:

21 (A) ONE CURRENT OR FORMER MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
22 FROM A CITY OR TOWN WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND

23 (B) ONE CURRENT OR FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONER FROM A  
24 COUNTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

25 (3) **Director terms.** EXCEPT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
26 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, THE  
27 TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF

1 THIS SECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2 (a) A DIRECTOR WHO WAS ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2022  
3 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111, OR WHO WAS  
4 APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY CAUSED BY SUCH A DIRECTOR PRIOR TO  
5 JANUARY 1, 2025, SERVES THE REMAINDER OF THE DIRECTOR'S TERM ON  
6 THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THROUGH DECEMBER  
7 31, 2026.

8 (b) A DIRECTOR WHO IS ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2024  
9 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111.3 SERVES A  
10 FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2028, THE FIRST AND SECOND  
11 YEARS OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED  
12 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF WHICH THE  
13 DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
14 32-9-109.7.

15 (c) OF THE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT  
16 TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION, ONE DIRECTOR SERVES A  
17 TWO-YEAR TERM THAT ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND ONE DIRECTOR  
18 SERVES A FOUR-YEAR TERM THAT ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2028, THE FIRST  
19 AND SECOND YEARS OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD  
20 CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF  
21 WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO  
22 SECTION 32-9-109.7.

23 (d) OF THE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE DENVER REGIONAL  
24 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS  
25 SECTION, ONE DIRECTOR SERVES A TWO-YEAR TERM THAT ENDS ON  
26 DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND ONE DIRECTOR SERVES A FOUR-YEAR TERM  
27 THAT ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2028, THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS OF

1 WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
2 SECTION AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR  
3 SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.7.

4 (4) **Appointments.** THE GOVERNOR AND THE DENVER REGIONAL  
5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION BY JANUARY 1, 2025, AND SHALL  
7 DETERMINE AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT WHICH DIRECTOR SERVES A  
8 TWO-YEAR TERM AND WHICH DIRECTOR SERVES A FOUR-YEAR TERM. THE  
9 GOVERNOR AND THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
10 SHALL MAKE ALL SUBSEQUENT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO  
11 SECTION 32-9-109.7 (4).

12 (5) **Vacancies caused by directors elected at November 2022**  
13 **district election.** IF A VACANCY IS CAUSED BY A DIRECTOR SPECIFIED IN  
14 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025,  
15 THE VACANCY WILL NOT BE FILLED AND THE NUMBER OF VOTING  
16 DIRECTORS ON THE BOARD IS REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. A VACANCY  
17 CAUSED BY ANY OTHER DIRECTOR SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
18 SECTION IS FILLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-112.3.

19 (6) **Exercise of powers.** ALL POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS,  
20 RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES VESTED IN THE DISTRICT SHALL BE EXERCISED  
21 AND PERFORMED BY THE BOARD; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD MAY  
22 DELEGATE ANY EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR MINISTERIAL POWERS TO  
23 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT.

24 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2029.

25 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-109.7 as  
26 follows:

27 **32-9-109.7. Board of directors beginning January 1, 2027 -**



1 **membership - terms - appointment - training - powers. (1) Board**  
2 **creation.** BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, THE BOARD CONSISTS OF TEN  
3 DIRECTORS, SEVEN OF WHOM ARE VOTING DIRECTORS AND THREE OF  
4 WHOM ARE NONVOTING DIRECTORS, WHO REPRESENT THE DEMOGRAPHIC  
5 AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION  
6 (2) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (2) **Board membership.** (a) THE SEVEN VOTING DIRECTORS OF  
8 THE BOARD INCLUDE:

9 (I) FIVE DIRECTORS ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN THE  
10 DISTRICT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32-9-111.3, TWO OF WHOM REPRESENT  
11 THE DISTRICT AT LARGE AND THREE OF WHOM REPRESENT ONE OF THREE  
12 DIRECTOR DISTRICTS; AND

13 (II) TWO DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND  
14 CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE WHO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE. IN  
15 MAKING SUCH APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL TAKE INTO  
16 CONSIDERATION GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, GENDER, DISABILITY, AND  
17 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION. THE  
18 DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR INCLUDE:

19 (A) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN  
20 BUDGETING, PUBLIC FINANCING, OR AUDITING; AND

21 (B) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSIT AGENCY  
22 MANAGEMENT AND USE, SUCH AS TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND USER  
23 EXPERIENCE OR EMPLOYEE RETENTION.

24 (b) THE THREE NONVOTING EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD  
25 INCLUDE:

26 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
27 TRANSPORTATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

1           (II) TWO DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE DENVER REGIONAL  
2 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WHO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE AND  
3 WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING,  
4 URBAN PLANNING OR TRANSIT, OR HUMAN RESOURCES AND  
5 ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IN MAKING SUCH APPOINTMENTS, THE  
6 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL TAKE INTO  
7 CONSIDERATION GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, GENDER, DISABILITY, AND  
8 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION. THE  
9 DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
10 GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE:

11           (A) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CURRENT OR FORMER MAYOR OR  
12 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM A CITY OR TOWN WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND

13           (B) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CURRENT OR FORMER COUNTY  
14 COMMISSIONER FROM A COUNTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

15           (c) THE NONVOTING EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD SERVE  
16 ON THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

17           (I) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MAY SIT WITH THE BOARD AND  
18 PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS OF AGENDA ITEMS BUT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO  
19 VOTE ON ANY MATTER COMING BEFORE THE BOARD OR TO MAKE ANY  
20 MOTION REGARDING ANY MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD;

21           (II) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MAY BE COMPENSATED PURSUANT  
22 TO SECTION 32-9-117;

23           (III) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MUST BE PROVIDED THE SAME  
24 BOARD MATERIALS AS ARE PROVIDED TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
25 INCLUDING ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE DEEMED CONFIDENTIAL;

26           (IV) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
27 OR ATTEND EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD SUBJECT TO

1 ALL BOARD RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
2 LIMITED TO, CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST;

3 (V) AN EX OFFICIO DIRECTOR MAY NOT BE ELECTED AS AN OFFICER  
4 OF THE BOARD; AND

5 (VI) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS SHALL OBSERVE ALL RULES,  
6 REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND  
7 ANY OTHER CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED  
8 OR DIRECTED BY VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING DIRECTORS OF THE  
9 BOARD.

10 (3) **Director terms.** (a) EXCEPT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, THE  
12 TERM OF OFFICE FOR EACH MEMBER IS FOUR YEARS.

13 (b) OF THE FIRST FIVE DIRECTORS ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE  
14 ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS  
15 SECTION:

16 (I) TWO DIRECTORS ARE THE DIRECTORS ELECTED AT THE  
17 NOVEMBER 2024 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111.3  
18 TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM, THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS OF WHICH  
19 THE DIRECTOR SERVED ON THE BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 32-9-109.6  
20 AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON  
21 THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE TERM OF SUCH  
22 DIRECTORS ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2028.

23 (II) THREE DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2026  
24 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111.3 FOR TERMS  
25 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030.

26 (c) OF THE FIRST TWO DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR  
27 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION:

1 (I) ONE DIRECTOR IS THE DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 32-9-109.6 (2)(a)(III) TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM, THE FIRST  
3 AND SECOND YEARS OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVED ON THE BOARD  
4 CREATED IN SECTION 32-9-109.6 AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF  
5 WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
6 SECTION. THE TERM OF SUCH DIRECTOR ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2028.

7 (II) ONE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
8 (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, AND  
9 ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2030.

10 (d) OF THE FIRST TWO DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE DENVER  
11 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
12 (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION:

13 (I) ONE DIRECTOR IS THE DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
14 SECTION 32-9-109.6 (2)(b)(II) TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM, THE FIRST  
15 AND SECOND YEARS OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVED ON THE BOARD  
16 CREATED IN SECTION 32-9-109.6 AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF  
17 WHICH THE DIRECTOR SERVES ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
18 SECTION; AND

19 (II) ONE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
20 (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, AND  
21 ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2030.

22 (e) A DIRECTOR SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE  
23 FULL TERMS.

24 (f) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY CAUSED BY  
25 ANY DIRECTOR ELECTED OR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND  
26 WHO SERVES AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF A TERM IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE  
27 SERVED A TERM AS DIRECTOR FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

1           (4) **Appointments.** (a) THE GOVERNOR AND THE DENVER  
2 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL EACH MAKE AN INITIAL  
3 DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT FOR THE DIRECTORS NOT OTHERWISE APPOINTED  
4 PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 BY JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL EACH  
5 MAKE A SUBSEQUENT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT BY JANUARY 1 EVERY FOUR  
6 YEARS THEREAFTER.

7           (b) THE GOVERNOR AND THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
8 GOVERNMENTS SHALL EACH MAKE A SUBSEQUENT DIRECTOR  
9 APPOINTMENT FOR THE DIRECTORS WHO WERE INITIALLY APPOINTED  
10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 BY JANUARY 1, 2029, AND SHALL EACH  
11 MAKE A SUBSEQUENT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT BY JANUARY 1 EVERY FOUR  
12 YEARS THEREAFTER.

13           (5) **Training.** THE BOARD, IN COOPERATION WITH DISTRICT STAFF  
14 AND WITH COMMUNITY INPUT, SHALL DEVELOP AN ONBOARDING PROGRAM  
15 FOR INCOMING DIRECTORS. THE ONBOARDING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE  
16 TRAINING REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, ANTI-ABLEISM,  
17 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY, ETHICS, THE STATUTORY DIRECTIVES  
18 REGARDING THE BOARD AND THE DISTRICT, AND THE DISTRICT'S MISSION  
19 STATEMENT. EACH INCOMING DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
20 AND COMPLETE THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

21           (6) **Exercise of powers.** ALL POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS,  
22 RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES VESTED IN THE DISTRICT SHALL BE EXERCISED  
23 AND PERFORMED BY THE BOARD; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD MAY  
24 DELEGATE ANY EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR MINISTERIAL POWERS TO  
25 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT.

26           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-111, **amend** (2)  
27 and (3); and **add** (7) and (8) as follows:

1           **32-9-111. Election of directors - district elections held prior to**  
2 **November 2024 - dates - terms - repeal.** (2) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1,  
3 2025, such director districts shall be composed of general election  
4 precincts established by the boards of county commissioners of those  
5 counties, all or part of which are within the district, and by the election  
6 commission of the city and county of Denver. No general election  
7 precinct may be split into two or more director districts.

8           (3) The regular district election shall be held jointly with the state  
9 general election in every even-numbered year as provided in section  
10 1-7-116. ~~C.R.S. and~~ The first election ~~shall be~~ PURSUANT TO THIS  
11 SUBSECTION (3) WAS HELD IN 1982 AND THE LAST ELECTION PURSUANT TO  
12 THIS SECTION WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER 2022. Each director shall be  
13 elected by the eligible electors residing within the director district.

14           (7) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 9,  
15 BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, A DIRECTOR ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER  
16 2022 DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR AN INDIVIDUAL  
17 CHOSEN TO FILL THE VACANCY OF ANY SUCH DIRECTOR PRIOR TO JANUARY  
18 1, 2025, SHALL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE RATHER THAN ONLY  
19 THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT THAT THE DIRECTOR WAS ELECTED TO REPRESENT.

20           (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

21           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-111.3 as  
22 follows:

23           **32-9-111.3. Election of directors - district elections held**  
24 **beginning November 2024 and thereafter - dates - creation of director**  
25 **districts - repeal.** (1) (a) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD CREATED  
26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 INCLUDES TWO DIRECTORS WHO ARE  
27 ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT. EACH

1 DIRECTOR IS ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 DISTRICT ELECTION FOR A  
2 TERM THAT BEGINS ON JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 31,  
3 2028, AND EACH DIRECTOR SERVES THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS OF THE  
4 DIRECTOR'S TERM ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
5 32-9-109.6 AND SERVES THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF THE  
6 DIRECTOR'S TERM ON THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 32-9-109.7. SUCH DIRECTORS MUST RESIDE IN THE DISTRICT BUT MAY  
8 RESIDE ANYWHERE IN THE DISTRICT.

9 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
10 2029.

11 (2) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 32-9-109.7 INCLUDES FIVE DIRECTORS, TWO OF WHOM ARE  
13 ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AND  
14 THREE OF WHOM ARE ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF ONE OF  
15 THREE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS. THE TERM OF ALL DIRECTORS ELECTED BY  
16 THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT IS FOUR YEARS. THE FIVE  
17 DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

18 (a) TWO DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED AT LARGE FOR A FIRST TERM AT  
19 THE NOVEMBER 2024 DISTRICT ELECTION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON  
20 JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2028. EACH DIRECTOR  
21 SERVES THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS OF THE DIRECTOR'S TERMS ON THE  
22 BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 AND SERVES THE  
23 THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF THE DIRECTOR'S TERMS ON THE BOARD  
24 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.7. SUCH DIRECTORS, AND ANY  
25 DIRECTORS ELECTED AT SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO  
26 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a), MAY RESIDE ANYWHERE IN THE DISTRICT AND  
27 ARE ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE ENTIRE

1 DISTRICT.

2 (b) THREE DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS  
3 RESIDING IN EACH OF THE THREE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED  
4 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION FOR A FIRST TERM AT THE  
5 NOVEMBER 2026 ELECTION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027,  
6 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2030. EACH SUCH DIRECTOR, AND ANY  
7 DIRECTOR ELECTED AT A SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO  
8 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b), SHALL RESIDE IN THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT FROM  
9 WHICH THE DIRECTOR WAS ELECTED. ONLY ONE DIRECTOR ELECTED  
10 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b) MAY RESIDE IN AND BE ELECTED BY  
11 THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO RESIDE IN EACH DIRECTOR DISTRICT.

12 (3) THE REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION IS HELD JOINTLY WITH THE  
13 STATE GENERAL ELECTION IN EVERY EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AS PROVIDED  
14 IN SECTION 1-7-116. THE FIRST DISTRICT ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS  
15 SECTION IS HELD IN NOVEMBER 2024, AT WHICH TWO DIRECTORS ARE  
16 ELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND IN  
17 SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT ELECTIONS ARE ELECTED PURSUANT TO  
18 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION. THE SECOND DISTRICT ELECTION  
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS HELD IN NOVEMBER 2026, AT WHICH THREE  
20 DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS  
21 SECTION, AND IN SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT ELECTIONS ARE ALSO ELECTED  
22 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (4) FOR THE DISTRICT ELECTION HELD IN NOVEMBER 2024, AND  
24 FOR EACH DISTRICT ELECTION HELD THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL USE  
25 INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 10 OF ARTICLE 7 OF  
26 TITLE 1.

27 (5) (a) NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS ARE MADE



1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION LAWS OF THE STATE.  
2 NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS MUST BE MADE BY PETITION AND FILED IN  
3 THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR  
4 UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-802 AND PART 9  
5 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 1. NOMINATION PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY AT  
6 LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE  
7 DISTRICT.

8 (b) (I) A CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR WHO IS ELECTED AT  
9 LARGE MUST RESIDE IN THE DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO  
10 THE ELECTION.

11 (II) A CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR WHO IS ELECTED BY THE  
12 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT MUST RESIDE IN THE  
13 APPLICABLE DIRECTOR DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE  
14 ELECTION.

15 (c) THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS MUST BE CONDUCTED IN THE  
16 MOST EFFICIENT, SECURE, AND ECONOMICAL MANNER POSSIBLE.

17 (d) EVERY CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
18 PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 45 OF TITLE 1.

19 (6) ANY ELECTED DIRECTOR MAY BE RECALLED FROM OFFICE BY  
20 THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
21 OF PART 1 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 1; EXCEPT THAT A PETITION FOR THE  
22 RECALL OF AN ELECTED DIRECTOR SHALL NOT INCLUDE A DEMAND FOR  
23 THE ELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR. THE RECALL  
24 ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR SHALL INCLUDE ONLY A BALLOT FOR THE  
25 RECALL OF THE DIRECTOR AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE A BALLOT FOR THE  
26 ELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR DIRECTOR. IF THE DIRECTOR IS RECALLED, A  
27 VACANCY IS CREATED AND THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 32-9-112.3 (1)(a).

2 (7) A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED DIRECTOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR  
3 ELECTION AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. IF, FOR ANY DISTRICT ELECTION,  
4 THERE IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR WHO IS NOMINATED FOR  
5 ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A  
6 DIRECTOR IN LIEU OF THE DIRECTOR BEING ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE  
7 ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. A DIRECTOR  
8 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7) SERVES  
9 A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND AT THE REGULAR ELECTION IN NOVEMBER  
10 OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE DIRECTOR'S TERM, THE DIRECTOR POSITION  
11 IS FILLED BY ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

12 (8) (a) BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE 2020 FEDERAL CENSUS  
13 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH  
14 OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF  
15 THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, SHALL, BY AUGUST 31,  
16 2025, DIVIDE THE DISTRICT INTO THREE COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS  
17 DIRECTOR DISTRICTS SO THAT THE THREE DIRECTORS WHO ARE REQUIRED  
18 TO LIVE IN AND BE ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO RESIDE  
19 WITHIN A PARTICULAR DIRECTOR DISTRICT WILL EACH REPRESENT A  
20 DIRECTOR DISTRICT THAT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, IS EQUAL IN  
21 POPULATION TO THE OTHER TWO DIRECTOR DISTRICTS. THE DIRECTOR OF  
22 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT ITS  
23 RECOMMENDED DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT TO THE COLORADO SUPREME  
24 COURT, WHICH SHALL APPROVE OR AMEND THE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT  
25 BY OCTOBER 31, 2025.

26 (b) IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FEDERAL CENSUS IN 2030, AND  
27 IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING EACH FEDERAL CENSUS THEREAFTER, THE

1 DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WITH THE  
2 ASSISTANCE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL  
3 SERVICES, SHALL, BY AUGUST 31, DIVIDE THE DISTRICT INTO THREE  
4 COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS DIRECTOR DISTRICTS SO THAT THE THREE  
5 DIRECTORS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO LIVE IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTOR  
6 DISTRICT AND BE ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO RESIDE WITHIN  
7 A PARTICULAR DIRECTOR DISTRICT WILL EACH REPRESENT A DIRECTOR  
8 DISTRICT THAT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, IS EQUAL IN POPULATION TO  
9 THE OTHER TWO DIRECTOR DISTRICTS. THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE  
10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDED DIVISION OF THE  
11 DISTRICT TO THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT, WHICH SHALL APPROVE OR  
12 AMEND THE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT BY OCTOBER 31 OF THE YEAR  
13 FOLLOWING THE FEDERAL CENSUS.

14 (c) IF A PETITION OR ELECTION RESULTS IN THE INCLUSION OF AN  
15 AREA WITHIN THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-106.7, THE  
16 DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WITH THE  
17 ASSISTANCE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL  
18 SERVICES, SHALL, WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS, DETERMINE HOW TO INCLUDE  
19 THE NEW AREA IN ONE OR MORE EXISTING ADJACENT DIRECTOR DISTRICTS  
20 BASED, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, ON POPULATION. THE DIRECTOR OF  
21 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT ITS  
22 RECOMMENDED INCLUSION OF THE NEW DISTRICT AREA TO THE GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY WHICH SHALL AMEND OR APPROVE SUCH INCLUSION AS SOON  
24 AS PRACTICABLE.

25 (d) THE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS ARE COMPOSED OF GENERAL  
26 ELECTION PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARDS OF COUNTY  
27 COMMISSIONERS OF THOSE COUNTIES, ALL OR PART OF WHICH ARE WITHIN

1 THE DISTRICT, AND BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND  
2 COUNTY OF DENVER. NO GENERAL ELECTION PRECINCT MAY BE SPLIT INTO  
3 TWO OR MORE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS.

4 (e) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS MUST  
5 CONSIST OF ONE DIRECTOR DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING THE NORTHWEST  
6 AREA OF THE DISTRICT, ONE DIRECTOR DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING THE  
7 CENTRAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT, AND ONE DIRECTOR DISTRICT  
8 ENCOMPASSING THE SOUTHEAST AREA OF THE DISTRICT.

9 (f) THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND  
10 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES SHALL  
11 MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MATHEMATICAL POPULATION  
12 EQUALITY AMONG THE THREE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS, BUT THERE SHALL NOT  
13 BE MORE THAN A FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN THE MOST POPULOUS  
14 AND THE LEAST POPULOUS DIRECTOR DISTRICT.

15 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-112, **add** (4)  
16 and (5) as follows:

17 **32-9-112. Vacancies created prior to January 1, 2025 -**  
18 **appointments - recall - repeal.** (4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING THE  
19 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, ANY  
20 VACANCY CREATED BY A DIRECTOR ELECTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION 32-9-111, INCLUDING A VACANCY CREATED BY A RECALL  
22 ELECTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL NOT BE  
23 FILLED AND THE VACANCY SHALL EXIST THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

24 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PART 1 OF ARTICLE 12  
25 OF TITLE 1, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, A PETITION FOR THE RECALL OF  
26 A DIRECTOR ELECTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111  
27 SHALL NOT INCLUDE A DEMAND FOR THE ELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR TO

1 THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR. THE RECALL ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR SHALL  
2 INCLUDE ONLY A BALLOT FOR THE RECALL OF THE DIRECTOR AND SHALL  
3 NOT INCLUDE A BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR DIRECTOR. IF  
4 THE DIRECTOR IS RECALLED, A VACANCY IS CREATED AND THE VACANCY  
5 SHALL NOT BE FILLED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

7 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-112.3 as  
8 follows:

9 **32-9-112.3. Vacancies created on or after January 1, 2025 -**  
10 **appointments - recall.** (1) (a) UPON A VACANCY OCCURRING FOR ANY  
11 REASON OTHER THAN NORMAL EXPIRATION OF A TERM, THE VACANCY OF  
12 A DIRECTOR WHO IS ELECTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
13 32-9-111.3 IS FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR NO LATER THAN  
14 SIXTY BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY IS DEEMED TO EXIST.

15 (b) FOR THE THREE DIRECTORS WHO ARE ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE  
16 ELECTORS WHO RESIDE IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTOR DISTRICT PURSUANT  
17 TO SECTION 32-9-111.3 (2)(b), A CHANGE OF RESIDENCE TO A PLACE  
18 OUTSIDE THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR IS ELECTED  
19 IMMEDIATELY CREATES A VACANCY ON THE BOARD.

20 (2) UPON A VACANCY OCCURRING FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN  
21 NORMAL EXPIRATION OF A TERM, THE VACANCY OF A DIRECTOR  
22 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 OR  
23 32-9-109.7 OR BY THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 OR 32-9-109.7 IS FILLED BY  
25 APPOINTMENT OF THE APPLICABLE APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOT LATER  
26 THAN SIXTY BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY IS DEEMED TO  
27 EXIST.

1 (3) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY OF AN  
2 ELECTED DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SERVES UNTIL THE TERM  
3 OF THE DIRECTOR ELECTED AT THE NEXT REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION  
4 BEGINS.

5 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY OF AN  
6 APPOINTED DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SERVES UNTIL THE  
7 TERM OF THE NEXT INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO SUCH DIRECTOR POSITION  
8 BEGINS.

9 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-116, **amend**  
10 (3); and **add** (4) as follows:

11 **32-9-116. Meetings of board - repeal.** (3) (a) Effective January  
12 1, 1983, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, any action of the board shall  
13 require the affirmative vote of at least eight members present and voting.

14 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
15 2025.

16 (4) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, ANY ACTION OF THE BOARD  
17 REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A LEAST A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE  
18 DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND WHO ARE  
19 PRESENT AND VOTING.

20 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-117, **amend**  
21 (2) and (4); **repeal** (1); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

22 **32-9-117. Compensation of directors - repeal.** (1) ~~Except as~~  
23 ~~otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, effective January 1,~~  
24 ~~1983, each director shall receive a sum of three thousand dollars per~~  
25 ~~annum.~~

26 (2) (a) Effective January 1, 2009, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024,  
27 each director elected at the 2008 general election or at any general

1 election thereafter, and each director appointed to fill a vacancy for an  
2 unexpired term of a director elected at the 2008 general election or any  
3 election thereafter shall receive a sum of twelve thousand dollars per  
4 annum, payable at the rate of one thousand dollars per month.

5 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
6 2025.

7 (2.5)(a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b)  
8 OF THIS SECTION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, EACH DIRECTOR ON THE  
9 BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-109.6 OR 32-9-109.7  
10 RECEIVES AN ANNUAL SALARY THAT IS EQUAL TO TWENTY PERCENT OF  
11 THE SALARY PAID TO COUNTY JUDGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF TITLE  
12 13.

13 (b) ANY DIRECTOR WHO IS A FULL-TIME STATE OR LOCAL  
14 GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR A FULL-TIME STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
15 EMPLOYEE SERVES AS A DIRECTOR WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.

16 (4) ~~Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as~~  
17 ~~preventing~~ The board ~~from authorizing~~ MAY AUTHORIZE the  
18 reimbursement of any director for expenses incurred that ~~appertain~~  
19 PERTAIN to the activities of the district.

20 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-118.3 as  
21 follows:

22 **32-9-118.3. Ten-year strategic plan - implementation of prior**  
23 **recommendations.** (1) BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THE BOARD SHALL  
24 DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A TEN-YEAR  
25 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT. THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHALL ADDRESS  
26 THE DISTRICT'S PLANS AND STRATEGIES TO:

27 (a) SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE RIDERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT;

1 (b) IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE  
2 DISTRICT TO THE TAXPAYERS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC  
3 DASHBOARD AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32-9-119.7 (5.5)(c);

4 (c) BETTER USE, SELL, OR LEASE LAND OWNED BY THE DISTRICT BY  
5 REVIEWING AND UPDATING ITS LAND USE POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT  
6 REVIEW PROCESSES TO PRIORITIZE AND STREAMLINE THE DEVELOPMENT  
7 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USE  
8 DEVELOPMENT NEAR FREQUENT TRANSIT STATIONS AND ROUTES AND  
9 UPDATING PARKING POLICIES TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF EXISTING PARKING  
10 AND MINIMIZE THE ADDITION OF NEW PARKING SPACES NEAR  
11 HIGH-FREQUENCY TRANSIT STATIONS;

12 (d) SUPPORT STATE AND REGIONAL CLIMATE, HOUSING, AND  
13 TRANSPORTATION GOALS. THE DISTRICT MUST WORK WITH THE COLORADO  
14 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL  
15 OF GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH RIDERSHIP AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE  
16 MEASURES AND OBJECTIVES AT THE LEVELS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT  
17 REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS AND VEHICLE-MILES TRAVELED REDUCTION  
18 TARGETS, ALIGN WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'  
19 OTHER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PERFORMANCE MEASURES, AND  
20 MEET THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S GREENHOUSE  
21 GAS PLANNING STANDARD. THE DISTRICT'S CLIMATE TARGETS MUST  
22 CONSIDER THE DISTRICT'S IMPACT ON THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
23 SYSTEM AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED.

24 (e) IDENTIFY EXISTING AND POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES  
25 TO EXPAND TRANSIT AND IMPROVE SYSTEM EFFICIENCY AND EQUITY,  
26 INCLUDING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

27 (2) IN DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION



1 (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL:

2 (a) CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED  
3 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 32-9-107.3 (2); AND

5 (b) SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT.

6 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS  
7 (1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TO  
8 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2021 "RTD  
9 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT" CREATED BY THE DENVER  
10 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE 2020 PERFORMANCE  
11 AUDIT OF THE DISTRICT CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE  
12 AUDITOR. THE BOARD SHALL REPORT ITS PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT AND THE AUDIT TO THE DENVER  
14 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE TRANSPORTATION,  
15 HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE  
17 OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, BY DECEMBER 31,  
18 2025.

19 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119, **add** (9)  
20 as follows:

21 **32-9-119. Additional powers of district.** (9) IN ADDITION TO  
22 ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED TO THE DISTRICT IN THIS ARTICLE 9, THE  
23 DISTRICT SHALL PURSUE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO  
24 INCREASE AND BUILD RIDERSHIP BY:

25 (a) WORKING WITH ENTITIES THAT ARE HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS  
26 TO FACILITATE INCREASED RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM THE EVENTS, SO LONG  
27 AS THE FACILITATION OF INCREASED RIDERSHIP IS ADDITIVE TO EXISTING

1 SERVICE;

2 (b) WORKING WITH ENTITIES TO FACILITATE INCREASED RIDERSHIP  
3 AMONG YOUTH, INCLUDING USE OF THE DISTRICT'S ZERO FAIR FOR YOUTH  
4 PILOT PROGRAM;

5 (c) CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR  
6 CHANGES IN SERVICE ROUTES OR SCHEDULES THAT WOULD RESULT IN  
7 INCREASED RIDERSHIP; AND

8 (d) IDENTIFYING LAND USE POLICIES, STRATEGIES, AND FINANCIAL  
9 TOOLS TO ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
10 DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USE COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS  
11 AND ROUTES.

12 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **amend**  
13 (4); and **add** (5.5) as follows:

14 **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - reporting -**  
15 **plans.** (4) (a) The district shall submit copies of its annual budget to the  
16 transportation legislation review committee created in section 43-2-145.

17 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL MAKE ITS ANNUAL BUDGET AND OTHER  
18 INFORMATION RELATED TO THE BUDGET AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS  
19 WEBSITE. IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE AND MAKE  
20 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEBSITE AN ANNUAL BUDGET OVERVIEW  
21 THAT PROVIDES A SINGLE-PAGE SUMMARY OF THE DISTRICT'S REVENUES  
22 AND EXPENSES BY CATEGORY AS SPECIFIED IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL  
23 BUDGET. THE DISTRICT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET, THE  
24 BUDGET OVERVIEW, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THE  
25 BUDGET IS IN A FORMAT THAT IS EASY TO ACCESS, UNDERSTAND, AND  
26 NAVIGATE.

27 (5.5) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (4)(b)

1 OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND  
2 REGULARLY UPDATE ON ITS WEBSITE THE FOLLOWING:

3 (a) AN ANNUAL UPDATE REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL  
4 PLAN THAT INCLUDES A DETAILED REPORT OF ALL DISTRICT CAPITAL  
5 PROJECTS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS;

6 (b) A QUARTERLY UPDATE REGARDING ALL DISTRICT CAPITAL  
7 PROJECTS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS, INCLUDING A PROJECT SCHEDULE AND  
8 PROJECT EXPENDITURE INFORMATION FOR EACH PROJECT;

9 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT  
10 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION  
11 REGARDING EACH DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT THAT IS IN PROGRESS, THE  
12 FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT INCLUDING THE PROJECT TOTAL  
13 FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE, AND PROGRESS TOWARD  
14 COMPLETION OF EACH PROJECT;

15 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS  
16 RIDERSHIP BY ROUTE AND RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; AND

17 (e) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS DISTRICT  
18 WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,  
19 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES.

20 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.8, **amend**  
21 (3) as follows:

22 **32-9-119.8. Provision of retail and commercial goods and**  
23 **services at district transfer facilities - residential and other uses at**  
24 **district transfer facilities permitted - definitions.** (3) Any person  
25 obtaining the use of any portion of a transfer facility for the provision of  
26 retail or commercial goods or services or for the provision of residential  
27 uses or other uses shall ~~be required to~~ compensate the district by payment

1 of rent ~~at fair market value~~, or, at the discretion of the district, by the  
2 provision of services or capital improvements to facilities used in transit  
3 services, alone or in combination with rental payments. ~~such that the total~~  
4 ~~benefit to the district is not less than the fair market rental value of the~~  
5 ~~property used by the person.~~

6 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-1-117.5, **amend**  
7 (3)(a)(VI) and (3)(a)(VII); and **add** (3)(a)(VIII) and (5) as follows:

8 **43-1-117.5. Transit and rail division - created - powers and**  
9 **duties - pilot project to expand transit - report - repeal.** (3) (a) The  
10 transit and rail division shall be responsible for the planning,  
11 development, operation, and integration of transit and rail, including,  
12 where appropriate, advanced guideway systems, into the statewide  
13 transportation system; shall, in coordination with other transit and rail  
14 providers, plan, promote, and implement investments in transit and rail  
15 services statewide; and shall have the following specific powers and  
16 duties:

17 (VI) To support the department in representing the state with  
18 respect to the development of intercity rail facilities, including but not  
19 limited to submission of applications to the United States department of  
20 transportation for approval and funding of high-speed PASSENGER rail  
21 projects, commissioning of any necessary studies, and coordination with  
22 other states to facilitate such applications; ~~and~~

23 (VII) To coordinate and cooperate with regional transportation  
24 authorities created pursuant to part 6 of article 4 of this title and other  
25 regional or corridor-specific entities concerned with the planning,  
26 development, operation, and integration of transit, passenger rail, or  
27 advanced guideway systems in the statewide transportation system; AND

1 (VIII) TO ESTABLISH, WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES, A MASS  
2 TRANSIT BUS DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT  
3 AND PLACEMENT OF PUBLIC MASS TRANSIT OPERATORS OF BUSES, BOTH  
4 FOR DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED MASS TRANSIT SERVICES AND FOR OTHER  
5 PUBLIC MASS TRANSIT OPERATORS. IN ESTABLISHING THE MASS TRANSIT  
6 BUS DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM, THE DIVISION OF TRANSIT AND RAIL MAY:

7 (A) ENTER INTO INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC MASS  
8 TRANSIT OPERATORS;

9 (B) DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MASS TRANSIT  
10 AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; AND

11 (C) DETERMINE THE COST OF TUITION AND OVERHEAD AND  
12 METHODS FOR RECEIVING PAYMENT FROM PARTICIPATING PUBLIC MASS  
13 TRANSIT AGENCIES TO COVER THE COST OF TUITION AND OVERHEAD.

14 (5) THE TRANSIT AND RAIL DIVISION SHALL INCLUDE ANTI-ABLEISM  
15 TRAINING IN ANY TRAINING PROGRAM THAT IT PROVIDES FOR OPERATORS.

16 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 43-1-1104.5** as  
17 follows:

18 **43-1-1104.5. Coordination between metropolitan planning**  
19 **organizations and transit providers.** (1) A TRANSIT PROVIDER,  
20 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
21 AUTHORITY OR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES TRANSIT  
22 SERVICES, SHALL COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BETTER  
23 ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RELY ON TRANSIT SERVICE.  
24 SPECIFICALLY, A TRANSIT PROVIDER SHALL:

25 (a) SUBMIT THE TRANSIT PROVIDER'S PROPOSED FIXED-ROUTE  
26 TRANSIT SERVICE PLANS TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
27 IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

1 ORGANIZATION'S REVIEW AND INPUT. THE TRANSIT PROVIDER SHALL  
2 COORDINATE WITH THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
3 REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICE  
4 PLANS AND SHALL CONSIDER AND MAY INCORPORATE THE METROPOLITAN  
5 PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S INPUT WHEN DETERMINING THE SERVICE  
6 PLANS.

7 (b) ENSURE THAT THE TRANSIT PROVIDER'S SERVICE DECISIONS  
8 ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S  
9 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN;

10 (c) COORDINATE TRANSIT AND LAND USE DECISIONS TO ENSURE  
11 THAT TRANSIT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEW AND EXISTING  
12 TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES; AND

13 (d) ACKNOWLEDGE ESTABLISHED TRANSIT CENTERS AND PROVIDE  
14 A PREFERENCE FOR TRANSIT CENTERS WHEN DETERMINING TRANSIT  
15 SERVICES AND ROUTES.

16 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-1002, **amend**  
17 (1); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

18 **1-7-1002. Ranked voting methods - report - definitions.** (1) As  
19 used in this part 10, unless the context otherwise requires, "local  
20 government" means a statutory city or town, ~~or~~ a special district created  
21 pursuant to article 1 of title 32, ~~C.R.S.~~ AND THE REGIONAL  
22 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9 OF TITLE  
23 32.

24 (2.5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION  
25 SPECIFYING THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY CONDUCT AN ELECTION  
26 USING A RANKED CHOICE VOTING METHOD, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
27 32-9-111.3 (4), FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTION

1 CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER 2024 AND FOR EACH REGIONAL  
2 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTION CONDUCTED THEREAFTER, THE  
3 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT THE DISTRICT  
4 ELECTION USING A RANKED CHOICE VOTING METHOD PURSUANT TO  
5 SECTION 1-7-1005.

6 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-1003, **add** (8)  
7 as follows:

8 **1-7-1003. Conduct of elections using ranked voting methods**  
9 **- instant runoff voting - choice voting or proportional voting -**  
10 **reports.** (8) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO REGIONAL  
11 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED  
12 IN SECTION 1-7-1005.

13 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-7-1005 as  
14 follows:

15 **1-7-1005. Regional transportation district director elections -**  
16 **instant runoff voting - rules.** (1) PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-111.3 (4),  
17 FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTION CONDUCTED IN  
18 NOVEMBER 2024, AND FOR EACH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT  
19 ELECTION CONDUCTED THEREAFTER, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
20 DISTRICT SHALL USE INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
21 SECTION AND THIS PART 10.

22 (2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
23 SECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL:

24 (a) CONDUCT THE VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN  
25 SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-7-1003 (5)(b);

26 (b) AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS BEFORE A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
27 DISTRICT ELECTION, DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHOICES AN

1 ELECTOR MAY RANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-7-1003 (1); AND  
2 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 1-7-1003 (6), TABULATE BALLOTS  
3 IN A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE  
4 WITH RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 (3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
7 SHALL ADOPT RULES CONCERNING THE TABULATION, REPORTING, AND  
8 CANVASSING OF RESULTS FOR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT  
9 ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THIS PART 10.

10 (4) EACH COUNTY CANVASS BOARD SHALL CERTIFY THE ABSTRACT  
11 OF VOTES CAST IN A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTION AND  
12 PROVIDE TABULATION DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES PROMULGATED  
13 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
14 SECTION.

15 (5) REASONABLE INCREASED COSTS TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL  
16 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ELECTION USING INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING,  
17 INCLUDING COSTS RELATED TO ELECTION SETUP, LICENSING COSTS  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-603 (2), PROGRAMMING, BALLOT DESIGN,  
19 ADDITIONAL VOTER INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, AND TABULATION,  
20 SHALL BE PAID BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 STATE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-21-104 (3)(b).

22 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-219, **add** (8)  
23 as follows:

24 **24-75-219. Transfers - transportation - capital construction -**  
25 **definitions - repeal.** (8) ON JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER  
26 TRANSFERRED SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE  
27 GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION



1 (7)(h) OF THIS SECTION, AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL ON JULY 1,  
2 2023, WHICH REQUIRED THAT THE DEPARTMENT USE SUCH AMOUNT FOR  
3 AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON RELOCATING THE CONSOLIDATED MAIN  
4 RAIL LINE AWAY FROM INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 25 IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
5 DEVELOPMENT OF THE BURNHAM YARD RAIL PROPERTY. BEGINNING ON  
6 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSTEAD  
7 USE SUCH AMOUNT THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY  
8 FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SITE PREPARATION, SITE ENHANCEMENTS,  
9 PLANNING, AND FACILITATING A TRACK ALIGNMENT THAT PRESERVES  
10 BUILDABLE LAND WHILE PROMOTING TRANSIT AND RAIL CAPACITY AND  
11 INCREASING SAFETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
12 BURNHAM YARD RAIL PROPERTY, AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED  
13 THAT SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S  
14 RIGHT-OF-WAY EXPANSION, RATHER THAN RELOCATING THE MAIN RAIL  
15 LINE, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TRANSIT NEED ON THE SITE.

16 **SECTION 23. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
19 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
20 institutions.