



Fiscal Note

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill establishes transparency, language access, and reporting requirements for certain transit agencies, except those operated by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates new requirements for transit agencies with at least one million unlinked passenger trips in the most recent year, except for those operated by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and regional transportation authorities that fund transit services but do not provide a transit service.

Information for Transit Riders

Beginning June 30, 2027, the bill requires covered transit agencies to ensure that clear, up-to-date transit system maps are displayed at all rail stations, bus stations, and bus rapid transit stops. All transit agencies must ensure that certain information on fare rates and eligibility requirements for fare discount programs is available online and displayed at transit stops. A Quick Response (QR) code satisfies the display requirement. The bill does not require a transit agency to replace existing signage to comply with this section.

Language Access

Beginning June 30, 2027, covered transit agencies must ensure key transit information is translated into each language spoken by at least 5 percent of the people in the county in which the transit agency operates. A QR code satisfies this requirement. A transit agency may also use an existing language access plan to satisfy this requirement.

Restroom Access

Beginning January 1, 2028, for all long-haul transit routes with an average scheduled end-to-end run time of at least three hours, covered transit agencies must provide transit riders an alternate opportunity to access restroom facilities if an onboard restroom is out of service.

Reporting Requirements

Covered transit agencies are required to annually report certain information, including progress on the bill's requirements, to the Governor and the General Assembly beginning on or before January 31, 2028. Transit agencies must post their annual report on a publicly accessible website, and are only required to report information they already collect.

Local Government

Local governments which oversee transit agencies will have increased workload to meet the bill's transparency, language access, and reporting requirements. Compliance with the bill's requirements will occur during regularly scheduled updates.

Statutory Public Entities—Regional Transportation District

The bill may increase workload for the RTD to update transit system maps and signage as part of regular signage updates. Any increase to workload and expenditures in the RTD is absorbable with existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Regional Transportation District
Local Affairs	Transportation
Municipalities	

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).