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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.**

Bill Summary

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

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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.

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

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3 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-103, **add** (14.5)

4 as follows:

5 **32-9-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 9, unless the context

6 otherwise requires:

7 (14.5) "UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY" MEANS A MUNICIPALITY THAT

1 IS WITHIN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY AREA AND, OVER A FIVE-YEAR
2 AVERAGE, GENERATES THREE TIMES OR MORE REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT
3 THAN THE TOTAL VALUE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED TO
4 THAT MUNICIPALITY.

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

7 32-9-107.3. Coordination with local governments -
8 coordination with local land use decisions - definition. (1) THE

9 DISTRICT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BETTER
10 ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RELY ON TRANSIT SERVICE.
11 SPECIFICALLY, THE DISTRICT SHALL:

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

19 (b) ENSURE THAT DISTRICT SERVICE DECISIONS ARE CONSISTENT
20 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' REGIONAL
21 TRANSPORTATION PLAN, WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO
22 EXPAND SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES;

23 (c) COORDINATE TRANSIT AND LAND USE DECISIONS TO ENSURE
24 THAT TRANSIT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEW AND EXISTING
25 TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES WHEN FEASIBLE; AND

26 (d) ACKNOWLEDGE ESTABLISHED TRANSIT CENTERS AND PROVIDE
27 A PREFERENCE FOR TRANSIT CENTERS WHEN DETERMINING TRANSIT

1 SERVICES AND ROUTES.

2 (2) (a) A COUNTY MAY REQUEST ITS OWN SUBREGIONAL SERVICE
3 COUNCIL.

4 (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), "SUBREGIONAL SERVICE
5 COUNCIL" MEANS A LOCALLY ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC FORUMS WHERE TRANSIT
6 USERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
7 PROPOSED TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY-BASED
8 TRANSIT PLANS, IDENTIFYING TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES IN LOW
9 INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS.

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

13 **32-9-107.5. Regional fixed guideway mass transit system -**
14 **authorization.** (4) THE DISTRICT SHALL COORDINATE ITS TRANSIT
15 SERVICE DELIVERY SCHEDULE WITH THE TRANSIT SERVICE DELIVERY
16 SCHEDULES OF OTHER MASS TRANSIT PROVIDERS FOR CONNECTIVITY TO
17 OTHER MOBILITY OPTIONS WITHIN THE REGION.

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19 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-118.3 as
20 follows:

21 **32-9-118.3. Ten-year strategic plan - implementation of prior**
22 **recommendations.** (1) BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, THE BOARD SHALL
23 DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A TEN-YEAR
24 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT. THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHALL ADDRESS
25 THE DISTRICT'S PLANS AND STRATEGIES TO:

26 (a) SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE RIDERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT;

27 (b) IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE

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

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

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

20 (e) IDENTIFY EXISTING AND POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
21 TO EXPAND TRANSIT AND IMPROVE SYSTEM EFFICIENCY AND EQUITY,
22 INCLUDING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

23 (2) IN DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
24 (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL:

25 (a) CONSIDER THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEXT
26 AUDIT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT CONDUCTED BY THE
27 OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR;

1 (b) CONSIDER THE FINDINGS OF THE JULY 2021 FINAL REPORT OF
2 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE;

3 (c) ENSURE THAT UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES HAVE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS REGARDING THE TEN-YEAR
5 STRATEGIC PLAN IN A DEDICATED AND DELIBERATE MANNER OUTSIDE THE
6 CONFINES OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION;

7 (d) ADDRESS THE UNIQUE CONCERNS AND SERVICE NEEDS OF
8 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, WHICH MUST BE
9 DEVELOPED THROUGH DEDICATED PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ENGAGEMENT
10 WITH STAFF, OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM THOSE
11 COMMUNITIES;

12 (e) ADDRESS THE UNIQUE CONCERNS AND SERVICE NEEDS OF
13 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, WHICH MUST BE DEVELOPED THROUGH
14 DEDICATED PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH STAFF, OFFICIALS,
15 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM THOSE COMMUNITIES; AND

16 (f) SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT.

17 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS
18 (1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TO
19 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2021 "RTD
20 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT" CREATED BY THE DENVER
21 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE 2020 PERFORMANCE
22 AUDIT OF THE DISTRICT CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
23 AUDITOR. THE BOARD SHALL REPORT ITS PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT AND THE AUDIT TO THE DENVER
25 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE TRANSPORTATION,
26 HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
27 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

1 OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, BY DECEMBER 31,
2 2025.

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119, **add** (9)
4 **and** (10) as follows:

5 **32-9-119. Additional powers of district.** (9) IN ADDITION TO
6 ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED TO THE DISTRICT IN THIS ARTICLE 9, THE
7 DISTRICT SHALL PURSUE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO
8 **IMPROVE SERVICE COVERAGE AND INCREASE RIDERSHIP CONNECTIVITY**
9 **AND ACCESSIBILITY BY:**

10 (a) WORKING WITH ENTITIES THAT ARE HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS
11 TO FACILITATE INCREASED RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM THE EVENTS, SO LONG
12 AS THE FACILITATION OF INCREASED RIDERSHIP IS ADDITIVE TO EXISTING
13 SERVICE;

14 (b) WORKING WITH ENTITIES TO FACILITATE INCREASED RIDERSHIP
15 AMONG YOUTH, INCLUDING USE OF THE DISTRICT'S ZERO FAIR FOR YOUTH
16 PILOT PROGRAM; **AND**

17 (c) CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR
18 CHANGES IN SERVICE ROUTES OR SCHEDULES THAT WOULD RESULT IN
19 **IMPROVED SERVICE COVERAGE AND INCREASED RIDERSHIP, CONNECTIVITY,**
20 **AND ACCESSIBILITY.** **AND**

21 **(10) BY NOVEMBER 1, 2024, THE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH**
22 **THE LABOR UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE GREATEST NUMBER OF DISTRICT**
23 **EMPLOYEES, SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL**
24 **ASSEMBLY REGARDING DISTRICT OPERATOR AND MECHANIC RETENTION.**
25 **THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT**
26 **COULD INCREASE DISTRICT OPERATOR AND MECHANIC RETENTION.**

27 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **amend**

1 (4); and **add** (5.5) as follows:

2 **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - reporting -**

3 **plans.** (4) (a) The district shall submit copies of its annual budget to the
4 transportation legislation review committee created in section 43-2-145.

5 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL MAKE ITS ANNUAL BUDGET AND OTHER
6 INFORMATION RELATED TO THE BUDGET AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS
7 WEBSITE. IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE AND MAKE
8 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEBSITE AN ANNUAL BUDGET OVERVIEW
9 THAT PROVIDES A SINGLE-PAGE SUMMARY OF THE DISTRICT'S REVENUES
10 AND EXPENSES BY CATEGORY AS SPECIFIED IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL
11 BUDGET. THE DISTRICT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET, THE
12 BUDGET OVERVIEW, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
13 BUDGET IS IN A FORMAT THAT IS EASY TO ACCESS, UNDERSTAND, AND
14 NAVIGATE.

15 (5.5) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (4)(b)
16 OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND
17 REGULARLY UPDATE ON ITS WEBSITE THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

24 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT
25 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION
26 REGARDING EACH DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT THAT IS IN PROGRESS, THE
27 FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT INCLUDING THE PROJECT TOTAL

1 FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE, AND PROGRESS TOWARD
2 COMPLETION OF EACH PROJECT;

3 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS
4 RIDERSHIP BY ROUTE AND RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; █

5 (e) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS DISTRICT
6 WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,
7 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES; AND

8 (f) A SUMMARY PAGE FOR PLANNED SERVICE CHANGES THAT
9 INCLUDES DETAILED TIMING CHANGES, EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSFERS,
10 AND THE REASON FOR THE PLANNED CHANGES.

11 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.8, **amend**
12 (3) as follows:

13 **32-9-119.8. Provision of retail and commercial goods and**
14 **services at district transfer facilities - residential and other uses at**
15 **district transfer facilities permitted - definitions.** (3) Any person
16 obtaining the use of any portion of a transfer facility for the provision of
17 retail or commercial goods or services or for the provision of residential
18 uses or other uses shall ~~be required to~~ compensate the district by payment
19 of rent ~~at fair market value~~, or, at the discretion of the district, by the
20 provision of services or capital improvements to facilities used in transit
21 services, alone or in combination with rental payments. ~~such that the total~~
22 ~~benefit to the district is not less than the fair market rental value of the~~
23 ~~property used by the person.~~

24 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-1-117.5, █ **add**
25 (5) as follows:

26 **43-1-117.5. Transit and rail division - created - powers and**
27 **duties - pilot project to expand transit - report - repeal.** █ █ █

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

3 [REDACTED]

4 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 43-2-145.4** as
5 follows:

6 **43-2-145.4. Transportation legislation review committee -**
7 **regional transportation district governance subcommittee -**
8 **membership - duties - legislative declaration - definition - repeal.**

9 **(1) Legislative declaration.** (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND
10 DECLARES THAT:

11 (I) THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S ELECTED BOARD
12 OF DIRECTORS PROVIDES A CRITICAL FUNCTION TO THE ENTIRE REGION BY
13 SETTING POLICY FOR AND OVERSEEING THE STATE'S LARGEST TRANSIT
14 DISTRICT;

15 (II) THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S ELECTED BOARD
16 OF FIFTEEN DIRECTORS IS AN OUTLIER AMONG TRANSIT AGENCIES BOTH IN
17 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND BY HAVING A FULLY ELECTED BOARD OF
18 DIRECTORS;

19 (III) ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC
20 TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, THE MAJORITY OF TRANSIT BOARD SIZES
21 RANGE FROM SEVEN TO TEN, AND ONLY THREE PERCENT OF TRANSIT
22 BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE;

23 (IV) UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
24 STRUCTURE, SCOPE, AND FUNCTIONS IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE
25 BOARD STRUCTURE ALIGNS WITH BEST PRACTICES OF TRANSIT AGENCIES,
26 IS ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT TO ITS RIDERS AND TAXPAYERS, AND
27 SETS THE AGENCY UP FOR SUCCESS TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENT OUTCOMES;

1 AND

2 (V) TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT TALENT FOR THE REGIONAL
3 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO
4 PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION FOR BOARD DIRECTORS.

5 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT
6 THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE MOST APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE
7 MODEL FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT WILL BE BEST
8 ACHIEVED IF IT INVOLVES ROBUST COMMUNITY INPUT AND DISCUSSION
9 THROUGH A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION
10 REVIEW COMMITTEE.

11 (2) **Creation.** THERE IS CREATED A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
12 DISTRICT GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORTATION
13 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
14 "SUBCOMMITTEE", TO MEET DURING THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM TO
15 REVIEW, SOLICIT INPUT, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE REGIONAL
17 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT.

18 (3) **Membership and appointments.** (a) THE SUBCOMMITTEE
19 CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING NINETEEN MEMBERS:

20 (I) SIX MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS:

21 (A) THE CHAIRS OF THE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND LOCAL
22 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
23 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE;

24 (B) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT
25 OF THE SENATE;

26 (C) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED
27 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

1 (D) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY
2 LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND

3 (E) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED
4 BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

5 (II) FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED COOPERATIVELY BY THE CHAIRS OF
6 THE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF
7 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY
8 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AS FOLLOWS:

9 (A) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE REGARDING ISSUES FACING
10 TRANSIT RIDERS;

11 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO RESIDES IN THE REGIONAL
12 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, IS A TRANSIT USER, AND HAS A DISABILITY;

13 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO RESIDES IN A DISPROPORTIONATELY
14 IMPACTED COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-4-109 (2)(b)(II), IN
15 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND WHO IS
16 TRANSIT-DEPENDENT;

17 (D) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
18 SERVED BY THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT; AND

19 (E) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN UNDERSERVED
20 COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION;

21 (III) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS FOLLOWS:

22 (A) ONE MEMBER WITH TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL PLANNING
23 EXPERTISE;

24 (B) ONE MEMBER WITH MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT SERVICE
25 EXPERTISE;

26 (C) ONE MEMBER WITH HUMAN RESOURCES EXPERTISE FOR
27 TRANSIT AGENCIES; AND

1 (D) ONE MEMBER WITH TRANSPORTATION EQUITY OR
2 MULTI-MODAL EXPERIENCE;

3 (IV) TWO MEMBERS WHO SERVE ON THE OF THE BOARD OF
4 DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, APPOINTED BY
5 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT;

6 (V) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE REGIONAL
7 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;
8 AND

9 (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE LABOR UNION THAT
10 REPRESENTS THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
11 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, APPOINTED BY THAT LABOR UNION.

12 (b) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)
13 OF THIS SECTION SHALL MAKE THE APPLICABLE APPOINTMENTS BY JUNE
14 15, 2024.

15 (c) MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF
16 THE APPLICABLE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. ANY VACANCY THAT OCCURS
17 AMONG THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE
18 FILLED BY THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY AS SOON AS
19 PRACTICABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN
20 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (d) IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE
22 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION GEOGRAPHIC,
23 RACIAL, GENDER, DISABILITY, DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED
24 COMMUNITY, AND WORKFORCE REPRESENTATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
25 THE DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
26 DISTRICT.

27 (e) BY JULY 1, 2024, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF

1 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL
2 COOPERATIVELY APPOINT A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
3 TO SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND A LEGISLATIVE
4 MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE
5 SUBCOMMITTEE.

6 (f) NON-LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SERVE
7 WITHOUT COMPENSATION. LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
8 SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS
9 PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-326.

10 (4) **Meetings.** (a) (I) THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST
11 TWICE DURING THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
12 SHALL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 2024, AND
13 SHALL HOLD ITS FINAL MEETING NO LATER THAN AUGUST 30, 2024.
14 MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE HELD IN THE STATE CAPITOL
15 BUILDING.

16 (II) THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
17 COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, BOTH IN-PERSON AND
18 VIRTUALLY, AT EACH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
19 SHALL SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE
20 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
21 AND HOW TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND
22 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT
23 RIDERSHIP, SCHEDULING, AND INCREASED SERVICE. COMMUNITY
24 MEETINGS MUST INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO,
25 TRANSIT-RELIANT INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESS ADVOCATES, CLEAN AIR
26 ADVOCATES, SENIORS, REPRESENTATIVES OF DISPROPORTIONATELY
27 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND STAFF AND THE

1 DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER.

2 (III) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO
3 ASSIST THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES IN CONNECTION
4 WITH THE MEETINGS REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a).

5 (b) (I) IN ADDITION TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE FACILITATOR
7 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
8 SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDS AT LEAST ONE COMMUNITY MEETING TO LISTEN TO
9 AND RECORD PUBLIC COMMENT IN EACH OF THE FIVE SUBREGIONAL
10 SERVICE COUNCILS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT.

11 (II) AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, INCLUDING
12 ONE LEGISLATOR, SHALL ATTEND EACH COMMUNITY MEETING HELD
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b).

14 (III) THE FACILITATOR SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS
15 SECTION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS REQUIRED BY
16 THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b) ARE HELD AFTER JULY 15, 2024 BUT BEFORE
17 AUGUST 30, 2025.

18 (5) **Issues for review and recommendation.** THE SUBCOMMITTEE
19 SHALL EXAMINE AND, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION,
20 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW
21 COMMITTEE CONCERNING:

22 (a) THE IDEAL SIZE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

24 (b) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
25 DISTRICT DIRECTORS RECOMMENDED, THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS WHO
26 SHOULD BE ELECTED AND THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS WHO SHOULD BE
27 APPOINTED, AND THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES FOR

1 APPOINTED DIRECTORS;

2 (c) THE DIRECTIVES AND DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL
3 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

4 (d) THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
5 DISTRICT DIRECTOR;

6 (e) METHODS TO ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION OF THE
7 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMUNITY WITH CONSIDERATION
8 FOR GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, GENDER, DISABILITY, DISPROPORTIONATELY
9 IMPACTED COMMUNITY, UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY, AND WORKFORCE
10 REPRESENTATION;

11 (f) A PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE CURRENT REGIONAL
12 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO A NEW BOARD OF
13 DIRECTORS; AND

14 (g) A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
15 DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAXIMIZES RIDERSHIP AND SERVICE
16 COVERAGE, CONNECTIVITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

17 **(6) Report and transportation legislation review committee**
18 **review.** (a) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2024, THE SUBCOMMITTEE
19 SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION
20 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNOR INCLUDING
21 RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION AND
22 ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE DEEMS
23 NECESSARY. ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL
24 ATTEND A MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW
25 COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

26 (b) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2024, THE TRANSPORTATION
27 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL MEET TO REVIEW THE

1 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO MAKE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
3 FOR LEGISLATION AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY BASED ON THE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. THE TRANSPORTATION
5 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY HOLD TWO MEETINGS IN ADDITION
6 TO THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS ALLOWED TO AN INTERIM COMMITTEE
7 PURSUANT TO THE JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO DISCUSS
8 THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO REQUEST,
9 REVIEW, AND APPROVE DRAFT LEGISLATION. THE MEETING DEADLINES
10 APPLICABLE TO INTERIM COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO THE JOINT RULES OF
11 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DO NOT APPLY TO THE ADDITIONAL TWO
12 MEETINGS.

13 (c) THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY
14 REQUEST THAT ONE BILL BE DRAFTED AND MAY APPROVE ONE BILL FOR
15 INTRODUCTION DURING THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REGARDING THE
16 GOVERNANCE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT THAT IS NOT
17 SUBJECT TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE
18 JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO
19 BE REVIEWED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

20 (d) THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL
21 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE MEETING HELD
22 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (7) **Subcommittee facilitator.** AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AFTER THE
24 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
25 SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A NEUTRAL THIRD-PARTY
26 FACILITATOR WHO IS EXPERIENCED IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
27 TRANSIT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY INPUT INTO

1 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE
2 SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO ASSIST IN DRAFTING THE REPORT REQUIRED IN
3 SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
4 SHALL COVER THE COSTS OF THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN
5 EXISTING RESOURCES.

6 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
7 REQUIRES, "UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY" MEANS A MUNICIPALITY THAT IS
8 WITHIN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY AREA AND, OVER A FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE,
9 GENERATES THREE TIMES OR MORE REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT THAN THE
10 TOTAL VALUE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED TO THAT
11 MUNICIPALITY.

12 (9) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

13 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-219, **add** (8)
14 as follows:

15 **24-75-219. Transfers - transportation - capital construction -**
16 **definitions - repeal.** (8) ON JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER
17 TRANSFERRED SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE
18 GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
19 (7)(h) OF THIS SECTION, AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL ON JULY 1,
20 2023, WHICH REQUIRED THAT THE DEPARTMENT USE SUCH AMOUNT FOR
21 AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON RELOCATING THE CONSOLIDATED MAIN
22 RAILLINE AWAY FROM INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 25 IN CONNECTION WITH THE
23 DEVELOPMENT OF THE BURNHAM YARD RAIL PROPERTY. BEGINNING ON
24 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSTEAD
25 USE SUCH AMOUNT THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY
26 FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SITE PREPARATION, SITE ENHANCEMENTS,
27 PLANNING, AND FACILITATING A TRACK ALIGNMENT THAT PRESERVES

1 BUILDABLE LAND WHILE PROMOTING TRANSIT AND RAIL CAPACITY AND
2 INCREASING SAFETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
3 BURNHAM YARD RAIL PROPERTY, AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED
4 THAT SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S
5 RIGHT-OF-WAY EXPANSION, RATHER THAN RELOCATING THE MAIN RAIL
6 LINE, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TRANSIT NEED ON THE SITE.

7 **SECTION 11. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
10 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
11 institutions.