

RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

- JOINT COMMITTEE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY
- AND
- HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- January 27, 2021

- Elise Jones, RTD Accountability
Committee Co- Chair
- Crystal Murillo, RTD Accountability
Committee Co-Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member	Position
Elise Jones	Representative of local government
Deyanira Zavala	Transportation equity expertise
Rutt Bridges	Financial planning expertise
Chris Frampton	Economic development expertise
Rebecca White	Urban planning expertise
Crystal Murillo	Aurora City Council member
Jackie Millet	Mayor of Lone Tree
Julie Duran Mullica	Northglenn City Council Member
Kathy Nesbitt	Human resources expertise
Dan Blankenship	Multi-modal expertise
Krystin Trustman	Expertise with issues facing transit riders with disabilities
Lynn Guissinger	RTD Board Member- Ex Officio
Troy Whitmore	RTD Board Member- Ex Officio

MISSION



To provide feedback and a set of recommendations for improvement to the operations of and statutes related to RTD, to the board and staff of the RTD, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the public.

We are here to provide guidance to help RTD better serve the region.

OVERARCHING GOALS



- Provide constructive tangible guidance for RTD that will help them improve the way they deliver vital mobility for our community.
- Contribute to a future for the Denver region where there are multimodal mobility options that serve the needs of all people regardless of income or abilities.
- Review each of the Committee responsibilities and form subgroups and engage others when necessary and/or appropriate to formulate concrete recommendations.
- Leverage the experience, intellect, and diverse perspectives that we have on this committee by working collaboratively.

REVIEW



- Recent financials
 - RTD governance structure and leadership
 - Short-term and long-term prioritization of resources
 - Determine long-range financial stability
- How RTD can better serve all riders
 - individuals with disabilities,
 - transit-dependent populations,
 - expand ridership,
 - address coverage gaps,
 - route planning,
 - service area coverage

TIMELINE



July 2020 – Committee Convened

December 31, 2020 – Optional Preliminary Report

July 1, 2021- Committee recommendations due

Within 45 days of issuance of the report- RTD Board must either adopt the recommendations or issue a report stating its reasons for not adopting specific recommendations

ON CALL CONSULTING



- Hired North Highland to provide additional support on as needed basis:
 - guidance,
 - research,
 - document development,
 - facilitation,
 - and related needs as they arise.

SUBCOMMITTEES



- Governance
- Finance
- Operations

GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE



- Alternative regional/subregional governance structure
- Partnerships with other transit agencies & nonprofits
- RTD's service area
- Size and structure of RTD Board

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE



- More sustainable financial model
- Use of COVID-19 relief funds
- Review of RTD statues
- Resolution for unfinished FasTracks Corridors
- Financial transparency
- Partnership opportunities to enhance mobility services

OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE



- RTD fares and pass programs
- Service delivery to transit-reliant populations
- Community-based transit service planning and operations
- Organizational assessment
- Social/environmental justice and equity analysis



PRELIMINARY REPORT

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- Information about the Committee
- Status report for each subcommittee
- Proposed legislative recommendations for consideration by the Governor and General Assembly in the 2021 Legislative Session

LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS



- Recommendations are focused on statutory restrictions that have the potential to provide RTD with greater flexibility and opportunity to improve its finances and/or ridership
 - Farebox ratio requirements
 - Parking fees
 - Commercial & residential uses at stations
 - Contracting with local governments & nonprofits



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