

Proposal for Local Government Coordination: Build Upon Existing Sub Regional Service Councils (SSC)

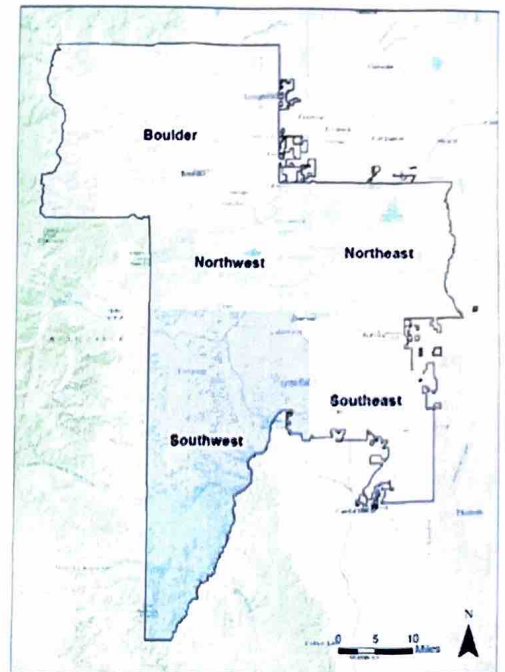
Background:

The SSCs have a critical role in RTD's new Partnership Program. The five SSCs were established to take a longer-term view of the transit needs across the district. The Partnership Program helps communities meet local mobility needs. The program has a dedicated annual budget to support partnership projects and a standard process for intake and evaluation. As part of this process, SSCs will have ongoing dialogue about projects that would help meet local mobility needs.

Suggested Amendment to SB26-150: Build Upon Existing Sub Regional Service Councils

Require that:

- RTD provide dedicated staff responsible to lead, co-chair and support each Subregional Services Council (SSC).
- RTD staff will work with the SSC membership to identify a local leader to co-chair the SSC meeting with RTD staff
- Within three months of passage of SB150, RTD staff and the local co-chair will facilitate agenda items for the following topics to be discussed and for the SSC to make recommendations to the RTD board for consideration:
 - alignment of RTD Transit Services with local and regional plans,
 - implementing joint projects to address services gaps,
 - leverage existing intergovernmental agreements and projects for expanded service delivery,
 - identification of strategies to expand funding; and
 - consideration of equity ridership demand and long-term regional growth.
- The RTD board shall meet with each SSC two times a year to receive recommendations from the SSC.
- RTD shall present a progress report on the SSC recommendations to the TLRC and Joint Transportation Committee.



What are these councils?

In 2022, the first Accountability Committee directed RTD to create the five Subregional Service Councils (SSCs) to provide local government and community input on the service delivery. The working group was made up of one individual from each county in the region, representatives from various non-governmental organizations, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

The SSCs are comprised of staff from cities and counties, as well as Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) and non-governmental organizations. The working group determined SCC boundaries that were large enough to account for connections between communities, but small enough to still represent local interests. An interactive map of the SSC boundaries can be found [here](#). The group determined that the SSCs should meet three to four times per year to provide additional input to RTD on changes occurring locally, and how service could be improved to better serve RTD customers.

Regions by County

Boulder: Boulder County

Northwest: Broomfield, Jefferson, Adams

Northeast: Adams, Weld, Parts of Denver

Southwest: Jefferson County, Part of Denver, and Part of Arapahoe County

Southeast: Denver, Arapahoe, Douglas Counties