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Citizen Advisory Committee

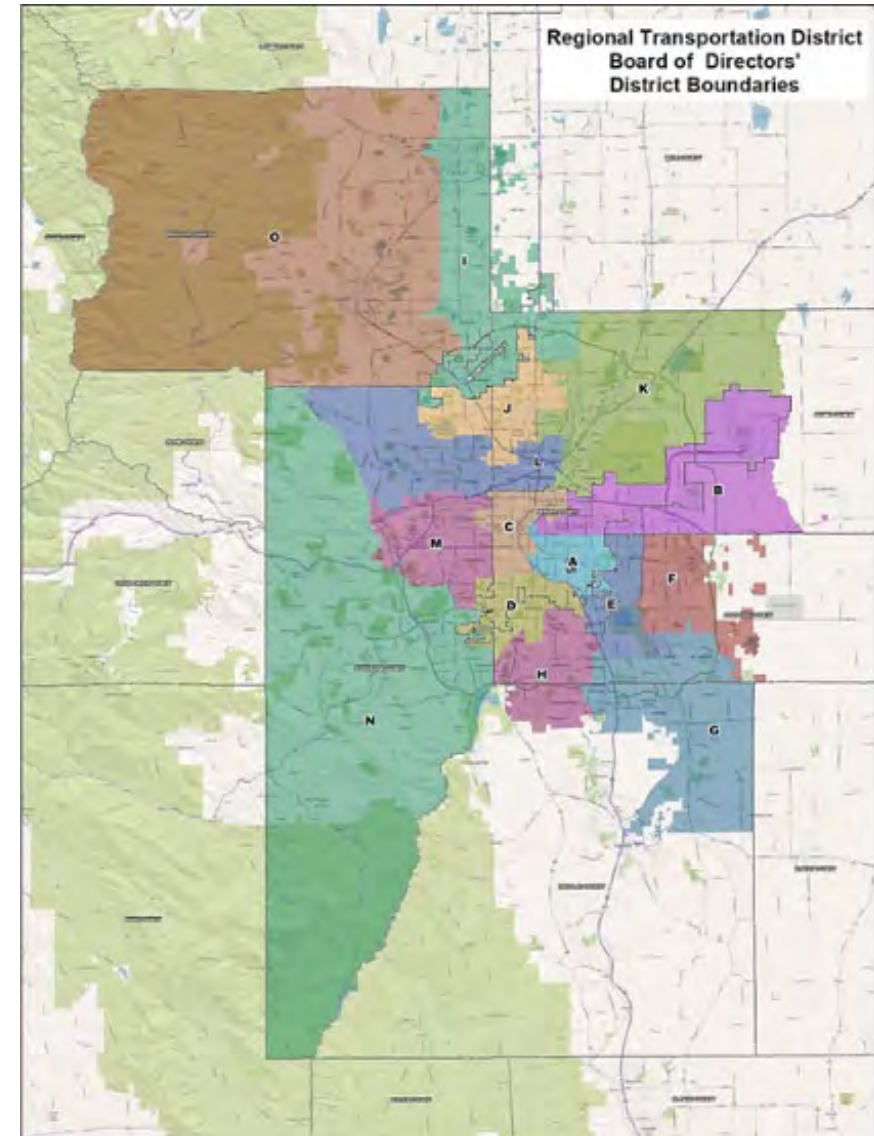
Chartering Session

August 17, 2022



Regional Transportation District

- Created in 1969 by the Colorado General Assembly
- Serves 8 Denver Metro Area counties, 40 cities
- Total service area is 2,342 sq. miles
- Population of service area is 3.08 million people
- 141 fixed bus routes (9,800 bus stops) served by 1,025 buses
- FlexRide and Access-a-Ride
- 4 Commuter Rail lines on 61.35 miles of track, 22 stations
- 8 Light Rail lines on 60.1 miles of track, 57 stations



History of CAC

- Originally created in 2005 as the FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee
- Intended to advise Board of Directors on the implementation of FasTracks (voter-approved in 2004)
- Comprised of 11 committee members; increased to 17 in 2008
- Restructured in 2016 to transition away from a FasTracks focus towards:
 - Representing the citizen perspective
 - Gathering information from community members to share with RTD
 - Sharing information with community members to promote public awareness
 - Providing region-oriented advice regarding the implementation of the Strategic Plan

Mission and Purpose of CAC

- What is the CAC expertise, and where can that expertise be leveraged to benefit RTD?
- What are CAC members interested in and committed to?
- How do RTD staff and Board of Directors see CAC role?
- How should the CAC interact with
 - CAC members?
 - RTD staff?
 - RTD Board?
- What feedback does the CAC need?

Scope

- Continue to monitor and provide input on FasTracks corridors
 - Unfinished corridors
 - Operation and maintenance of existing lines
- Be familiar with RTD's Strategic Plan and long-term vision
 - Reimagine RTD
 - Accountability Report recommendations, including Subregional Service Councils
 - Other strategic initiatives
- Represent citizen perspective
 - Gather information from community members to share with RTD
 - Share information about RTD programs and projects with community members

Critical Success Factors

- What does the CAC need to be successful?
 - Full participation? All voices are heard and respected.
 - Clearly defined roles and responsibilities?
 - Open communication
 - Input will be useful? RTD open to input? Community networks provide citizen/customer perspective?
- How will the CAC measure success?

Risks

- Communication

- One or more members dominate discussion or intimidate others
- No obvious “home” or path for feedback/input
- Lack of focus / poor meeting dynamics or agendas

Membership

- Criteria for appointment (from 2019):
 - Demonstrated interest in transit or other public policy advocacy.
 - Membership in business, civic, and environmental organizations.
 - Member of senior, low-income, minority, and/or disabled populations.
 - Experience in working with local jurisdictions on regional issues.
 - Previous community service.
 - Professional expertise and qualifications.
- Role for/interest in Subcommittees?
 - If so, how are topics/issues referred? And how is feedback brought to full CAC?

Meetings

- Monthly or more frequently
- Time and place set annually
- Public participation
 - Open forum style meetings (at least 3)
 - All meetings open to the public
- Format
 - Remote for most of 2020 through 2022
 - Hybrid beginning summer 2022
- Information sharing
 - Dropbox, website, SharePoint?

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