

Board of Directors

Meeting date: September 16, 2026

Agenda Item #: 11

RTD Comprehensive Operations and Network Needs Evaluation for Community Transit (CONNECT) Study

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

RTD staff will provide an overview of the recently initiated [Comprehensive Operations and Network Needs Evaluation for Community Transit \(CONNECT\)](#) study, an evaluation of the current RTD network that will provide recommendations for future transit service approaches.

Background

Beginning in the summer of 2026, RTD launched the CONNECT study to evaluate the existing transit network and build short- and long-term service roadmaps. The study will consist of four phases:

- 1) Evaluating current conditions: Understanding the current transit network, assessing market and industry conditions.
- 2) Network alternatives: Share network alternatives that show what the network could look like if designed to maximize ridership or maximize coverage. Engage community members and stakeholders to understand priorities for a future network.
- 3) Draft plans: Share short-range service and long-range vision plans for input from the public, stakeholders, and RTD Board.
- 4) Final plans: Finalize and approve short- and long-range plans to prepare for implementation.

As part of the study, RTD will host a series of stakeholder workshops, online and in-person events, surveys and community ambassadors to inform service priorities, network design and final plan recommendations.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

RTD staff presentation

For more information

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