

AGENDA

RTD Accountability Committee
Governance Subcommittee
Monday, October 5, 2020
4:00- 5:00 p.m.
VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE
Denver, CO

1. Call to Order
2. September 28, 2020 Meeting Summary
(Attachment A)
3. RTD Board of Directors Redistricting Process
(Attachment B)
4. Update on governance models
5. Next Steps

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Member Comment/Other Matters
7. Adjournment

ATTACH A

SUMMARY

RTD Accountability Committee: Governance Subcommittee
Wednesday, September 28, 2020

Note: Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting

Present:

Elise Jones (co-chair)	Boulder County Commissioner
Julie Duran Mullica	Northglenn City Council Member
Kathy Nesbitt	VP of Admin, University of Colorado
Jackie Millet	Lone Tree Mayor
Deyanira Zavala	Exec. Dir., Mile High Connects
Troy Whitmore (Ex Officio)	RTD Board Member

Others Present: Doug Rex, Ron Papsdorf, Matthew Helfant, Melinda Stevens, Angie Rivera-Malpiede, Eileen Yazzie, Jordan Sanchez, Bill Sirois, Jyotsna Vishwakarma, Mac Callison, Paul Hamilton, Stephen Hauner.

DRCOG Executive Director Rex called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

September 16, 2020 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was submitted. No revisions were requested.

Refine Subcommittee Objectives

Executive Director Rex asked if subcommittee members desired to revise any of the subcommittee's objectives. No revisions were requested.

Brief Overview of RTD governance and a comparative overview of transit governance models

Executive Director Rex provided the subcommittee with a brief overview of legal structure and governance of RTD. Mr. Rex then summarized a report prepared for the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments by Homes and Associates highlighting case studies in transit governance from six metropolitan regions: Dallas/Fort Worth, Phoenix, Portland, San Diego, Salt Lake City, and Detroit.

Questions and comments from subcommittee members:

- Deyanira Zavala: asked what the approximate current population is in each RTD district. RTD Board Chair Angie Rivera-Malpiede said that it is approximately 220,000.
- Mayor Millet: asked how long the terms were for members of the SANDAG governance model. Doug Rex said that it is similar to DRCOG's MPO structure where directors serve at the pleasure of each community's governing body.
- Councilmember Julie Duran Mullica: appreciated the case studies and asked a more global question about what problem we are trying to solve with RTD and how can other governance models help us get there. Councilmember Mullica asked how local governments/communities can be brought into the conversation about RTD service/operations.

- Kathy Nesbitt: would like to have a better understanding of the pro and cons to other governance models.
- Commissioner Elise Jones: In response to Councilmember Mullica's comments, Commissioner Jones pointed to RTD's financial sustainability and at times the effectiveness of the RTD board as important issues. There remains a lack of trust within communities. Commissioner Jones also asked staff to develop a matrix of regional governance models for the subcommittee.
- Mayor Millet: asked what model Oklahoma City is pursuing. Also, expressed interest in learning more about the southeast Michigan model where counties appoint members to the governing board. Mayor Millet is interested in models that would reduce parochialism.
- Councilmember Mullica: expressed interest in pursuing a discussion around Mayor Millet's comment and pointed to the success of DRCOG's TIP subregional process.
- Councilmember Mullica: asked to have a discussion about the RTD Board of Directors District Map. Topics may include: how the districts were established and what is the process for updating the boundaries.

Next Steps

Topics for upcoming meetings include

- Presentation on RTD Board of Directors District Map
- Further exploration of governance models (e.g. LA Metro) and development of a governance model matrix
- Continue conversation about ways for communities to enhance collaboration with RTD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

ATTACH B



Board Redistricting Process

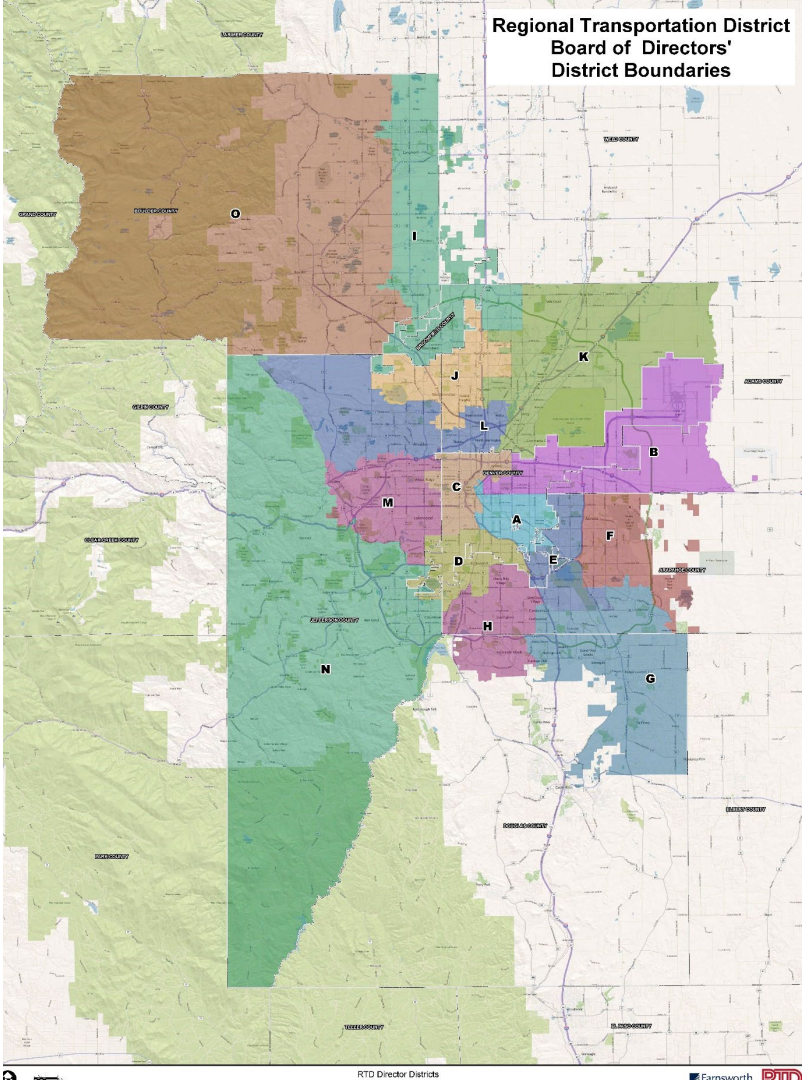
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Bill Van Meter

Assistant General Manager, Planning

2020 Director District Map



General Requirements

- Director District boundaries must be reviewed every 10 years following federal census.
- Apportionment is based, to the extent possible, on population.
- Redistricting map must be adopted by the Board before March 15, 2022
 - If not, the State Legislative Council will create the map.

Process

- Board Chair establishes Redistricting Committee
- Update current Director District Map showing population based on new census data.
- RTD's enabling legislation doesn't specify allowable variation between Districts, but state law allows only 5% deviation between most and least populous House Districts.
- Director Districts need to be redrawn only if population difference between any 2 Director Districts exceeds threshold established by Board
 - This is the expected scenario based on District growth.

Process

- Consultant assistance will be sought to assist in creating the redistricting map.
- Districts must be comprised of whole voter precincts.
- All Directors will be kept in their existing Districts.
- Alternative scenarios for map will be created and reviewed by Redistricting Committee and staff.
- Committee will review alternatives and recommend action by full board.

Next Steps/Timeline

- Form redistricting committee: 1st Quarter, 2021
- Census Block Group Data released: 1st Quarter, 2021
- Meet with individual directors to determine individual preferences: 2nd/3rd Quarter, 2022
- Finalize maps 4th Quarter, 2021/1st Quarter, 2022
- Approve new map 1st Quarter, 2022