

AGENDA

**RTD Accountability Committee
Governance Subcommittee
Monday, December 21, 2020
4:00- 5:00 p.m.
VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE
Denver, CO**

1. Call to Order
2. December 7, 2020 Meeting Summary
(Attachment A)
3. Briefing on the RTD Governance Roundtable discussion with technical staff
(Attachment B)
4. Next Steps

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Member Comment/Other Matters
6. **Next meeting: January 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
7. Adjournment

ATTACH A

SUMMARY
RTD Accountability Committee: Governance Subcommittee
Monday, December 7, 2020
Note: Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting

Committee members present:

Julie Duran Mullica (Chair)
Elise Jones
Jackie Millet
Deyanira Zavala
Kathy Nesbitt
Lynn Guissinger
Rutt Bridges
Troy Whitmore

Others Present: Doug Rex, Ron Papsdorf, Matthew Helfant, Melinda Stevens, Angie Rivera-Malpiede, Barbara McManus, Debra Baskett, Miller Hudson, Natalie Shishido, Bill Sirois, Nicole Carey, Kathleen Bracke, Jordan Sanchez, Mac Callison, George Gerstle, Holly Buck, Rich Mauro.

Chair Mullica called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

November 16, 2020 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was submitted. No revisions were requested.

Community-Based transportation planning briefing

Doug Rex provided a briefing on the components of community-based planning. The initiative is an innovative approach to better understand and mitigate transportation deficiencies, especially in low-income communities through extensive involvement with residents and community-based organizations.

- Chair Mullica: How are metrics being used to determine the success of community-based initiatives?
 - Doug Rex said he would reach out the MTC to find out metrics that are being used.
 - Jackie Millet said that to some degree, it really depends on the community and the types of problems they are trying to address.
- Deya Zavala: Reimagine RTD elevated the discussion of ensuring that RTD serve those that are riding. How are community-based planning initiatives being applied in exurban communities?
 - Jackie Millet: While she agreed that it is important to serve current users, the RTD system must also be able to attract new riders.
- Chair Mullica: We know that RTD has tried to engage the public, it would be interesting to know where we are starting from...and what tools RTD has tried to reach out to lower income populations
- Jackie Millet: Discussed the need to have a conversation as to whether the existing elected RTD Board is the correct system going forward. Is there a need for smaller RTD Board subcommittee to delve into the issues?

- Lynn Guissinger: Supports the idea of having smaller subcommittees and RTD is evaluating the concept.
- Troy Whitmore: Also expressed his support for smaller RTD subcommittees.
- Elise Jones: It is possible the RTD Accountability Committee could consider the smaller subcommittees idea as part of its recommendations.
- Chair Mullica: Need to have conversations about other RTD Board processes, such as simple majority vs. super majority votes on items.
- Deya Zavala: For a segment of the population, having an elected board is important. Maybe introducing “at-large” members should be considered or maybe some kind of hybrid.
- Jackie Millet: Expressed interest in the hybrid idea. The Board makeup needs to provide a regional voice instead of fulfilling parochial needs.
- Elise Jones: The conversation needs to address the question: What problem are we trying to solve? Then determining whether there is an appropriate fix to the structure to solve it. She agreed that the board should have a regional hat and still have some connection to the communities.
- Rutt Bridges: Need to think about the end-point you want to get to. If it is desired to have a smaller board, how do you do that? How do you still make sure you have the regional expertise and input in the process.
- Lynn Guissinger: The RTD Board elected structure is no different than the legislature where members have to represent their district but really has to think about the whole state. There would be tradeoffs with an appointed board vs. elected board.
- Deya Zavala: To the question of what we are trying to solve, it brings it back to the Board’s ability to set and implement policy and do it in an effective way. If the local service councils were established, what would that then free up the RTD Board to do.
- Kathy Nesbitt: Agreed with the idea of having a smaller RTD Board.

Discussion of governance components for the RTD Accountability Committee Preliminary Report

- Chair Mullica indicated the report is expected to be available in early January. She believed that the report should include information about the local service council concept and the RTD Board structure. No recommendations will be included in the report from the subcommittee. It will be a status report of conversations, to date.

Next Steps

- Establish a technical staff conversation about the regional/subregional concept
- Continue conversation on the RTD Board structure and governance.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

ATTACH B

To: Members of the Governance Subcommittee

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director
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SUBJECT

Briefing on the RTD Governance roundtable discussion with technical staff

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

At a previous meeting, the governance subcommittee requested DRCOG staff convene a group of local technical staff in an effort to get input on the governance concepts currently being discussed by the subcommittee. On December 18, DRCOG hosted 35 participants representing local area staff, RTD and others regional stakeholders.

At the December 21 meeting, DRCOG staff will provide a summary of the conversation and insight provided on a variety of topics centered around the Subregional Transit Council concept.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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