

FIRST REPORT OF FIRST CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ON SB25-161

THIS REPORT AMENDS THE
REREVISED BILL

To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Your first conference committee appointed on SB25-161, concerning transit reform, and, in connection therewith, creating study, planning, and reporting requirements; increasing coordination among transit agencies, government, and planning organizations; authorizing the regional transportation district to enter into service partnership agreements; creating a regional transportation district accountability committee; requiring the regional transportation district to emphasize ridership growth, worker retention, safety, and statewide climate goals; and making an appropriation, has met and reports that it has agreed upon the following:

1. That the Senate accede to the House amendments made to the bill, as the amendments appear in the rerevised bill, with the following changes:

Amend rerevised bill, page 4, strike line 27.

Page 5, strike lines 1 through 20.

2. That, under the authority granted the committee to consider matters not at issue between the two houses, the following amendments be recommended:

Amend rerevised bill, page 4, after line 26 insert:

"**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.5, **amend** (2)(d) introductory portion, (2)(d)(IX), (2)(d)(X) introductory portion, and

(2)(d)(X)(C); and **repeal** (2)(d)(XI) as follows:

32-9-119.5. Competition to provide vehicular service within the regional transportation district - definition. (2) (d) The district shall prepare a standard form of agreement to provide vehicular services. ~~Such contract shall~~ THE FORM OF AGREEMENT MUST include:

(IX) A provision that the provider, at its sole risk and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, ~~shall have~~ HAS the right to sell additional services, including food and other services to its passengers, and to sell advertising except as prohibited by existing contracts, freight, charter, and other services using the provider's vehicles; AND

(X) The term of the agreement, which ~~shall~~ MUST be as follows:

(C) For any agreement under which the provider shall supply its own vehicles, a term of years as negotiated by the district and the provider. ~~and~~

(XI) ~~No provision specifying wages, benefits, work rules, work conditions, or union organization of the employees of the provider beyond compliance with applicable regulation and law, including compliance with the "Federal Transit Act", 49 U.S.C. sec. 5333 (b)."~~

Page 5, line 21, after "32-9-119.7," insert "**amend** (8);".

Page 5, line 22, strike "and (12)" and substitute "(12), and (13)".

Page 5, line 24, strike "**plans.**" and substitute "**plans - repeal.**".

Page 6, after line 7 insert:

"(8) (a) The district shall prioritize completion of the northwest rail line to Longmont and the north lines of the transportation expansion plan, adopted by the board and approved by the voters on November 2, 2004, which ~~shall~~ MUST include cooperating and actively partnering with the state and the front range passenger rail district and recognizing the state's plan to fund and execute the northwest rail line in order to take advantage of any available federal funding opportunities.

(b) On or before ~~July 1, 2025~~ DECEMBER 1, 2025, the district shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly that demonstrates how the district will fulfill the district's commitment in the transportation expansion plan, adopted by the board and approved by the voters on November 2, 2004, to complete the transportation expansion

routes proposed in the transportation expansion plan by December 31, 2034. On or before December 15, 2025, the district shall present the report BOTH to the transportation legislation review committee AND AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

(I) AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE DISTRICT IS OPTIMIZING AVAILABLE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE TRANSPORTATION EXPANSION PLAN TO DELIVER SERVICE ON THE FIXED GUIDEWAY MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-9-107.5 (1)(e)(I) BY JANUARY 1, 2029; AND

(II) AN ANALYSIS OF:

(A) THE AVAILABLE DEBT SERVICE THAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS;

(B) THE POTENTIAL USE OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION;

(C) NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE ON A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO FUNDING SERVICE ON THE FIXED GUIDEWAY MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-9-107.5 (1)(e)(I); AND

(D) OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE FUNDING FROM THE CLEAN FLEET ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 25-7.5-103 THAT MAY OFFSET PLANNED EXPENSES.

(c) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL CONVENE LOCAL AND REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS AND CONDUCT FORMAL, COMPREHENSIVE, AND VERIFIABLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO INFORM THE REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (8)(b) OF THIS SECTION. STAKEHOLDERS MUST INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS, TRANSIT-DEPENDENT RESIDENTS, EMPLOYERS, AND RESIDENTS AT LARGE.

(d) IF THE DISTRICT HAS NOT COMPLETED THE FIXED GUIDEWAY MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-9-107 (1)(e)(I), AS PROPOSED IN THE TRANSPORTATION EXPANSION PLAN, AND BEGUN SERVICE BY JANUARY 1, 2029, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND THE GOVERNOR ON THE REASONS WHY SUCH SERVICE HAS NOT BEGUN AND SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED PLAN FOR PROVIDING SERVICE. IF SUCH REPORT AND PLAN ARE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (8)(d), THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE THE FIRST REPORT AND PLAN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2029, AND SHALL PROVIDE AN UPDATED REPORT AND PLAN EACH SIX MONTHS THEREAFTER UNTIL SERVICE IS INITIATED."

Page 14, line 10, strike "**definitions.**" and substitute "**definitions - repeal.**".

Page 17, line 9, strike "RESIDENTS." and substitute "RESIDENTS; EXCEPT THAT A COVERED DEVELOPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO SURVEY ITS RESIDENTS IF THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT ALREADY PROVIDES BULK-PURCHASED ECOASSES TO ITS RESIDENTS BY THE DATE THAT THE SURVEY WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a).".

Page 23, line 26, after the period add "THE OFFICE MAY ADOPT INTERNAL PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY, TIMELY, AND GOAL-ORIENTED MANNER ALIGNED WITH ITS STATUTORY PURPOSE.".

Page 25, after line 14 insert:

"**SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-169 as follows:

32-9-169. District use of peace officer training and support fund - definitions. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-33.5-121 (1)(f).

(b) "FUND" MEANS THE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AND SUPPORT FUND ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-33.5-121 (2).

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 24-33.5-121 TO THE CONTRARY, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY GRANT MONEY THAT THE AGENCY RECEIVED FROM THE FUND TO THE DISTRICT FOR TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER PURPOSES DEEMED NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND PATRONS OF THE DISTRICT.".

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 27, after line 11 insert:

"**SECTION 13. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage; except that section 10 of this act takes effect only if Senate Bill

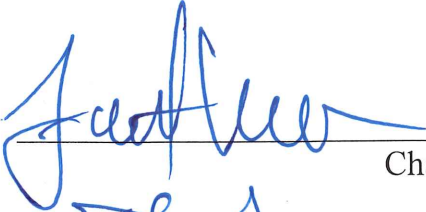


25-310 becomes law, in which case section 10 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or Senate Bill 25-310, whichever is later."


Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Senate Committee:

House Committee:


Chair




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