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# Denver City Council

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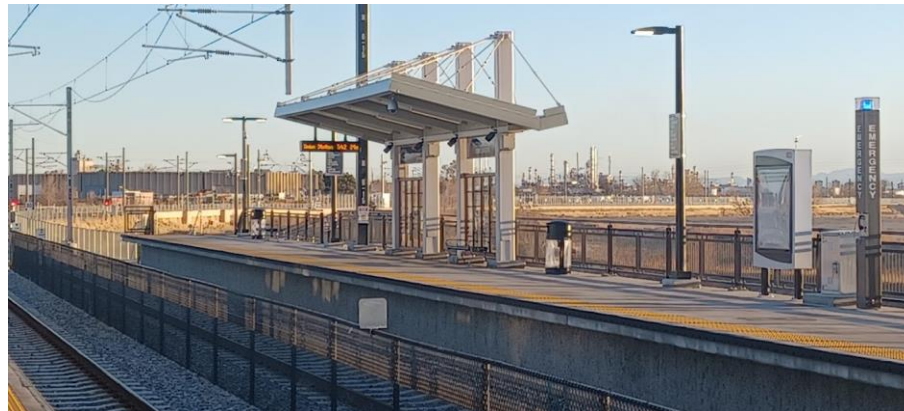
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# Overview

- Partnership Program
- Zero Fare for Youth Pilot
- Transit Police and Security





# Partnership Program

# Program Overview

## ■ Why?

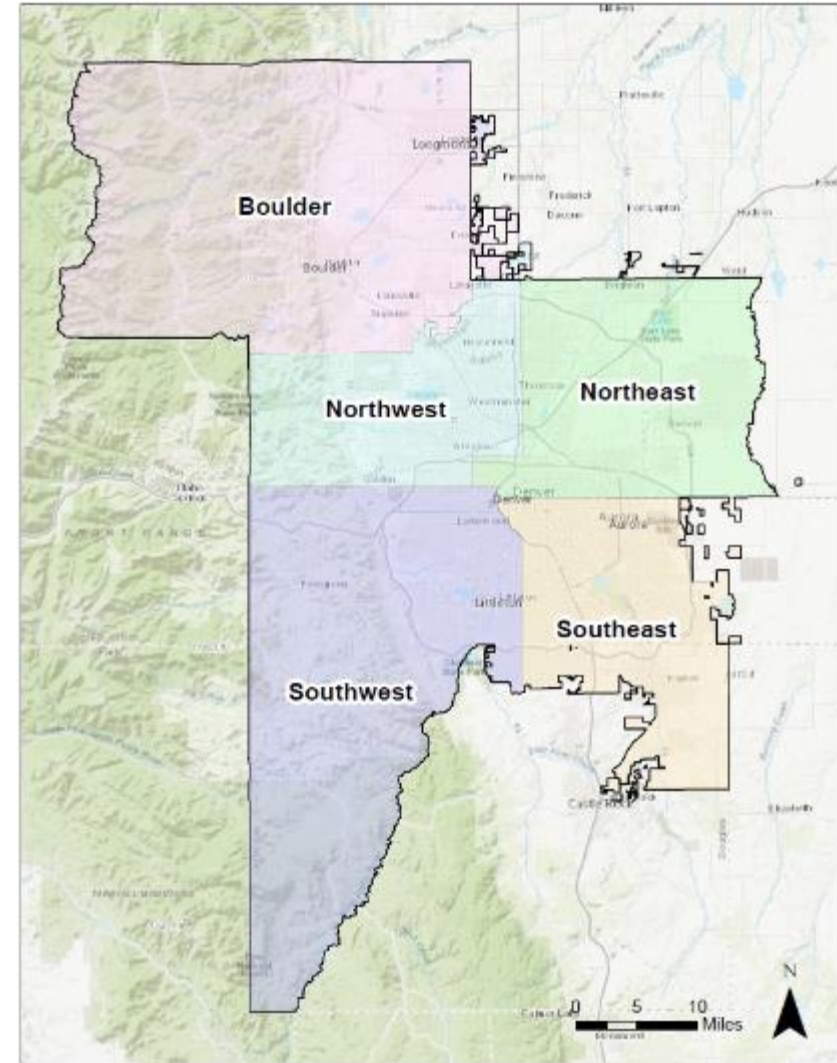
- Limited resources to serve as both regional and local transit provider
- Region's governments conveyed requests for more localized public transit service

## ■ What?

- Call for Projects Partnership Program created in 2022
- Program expands partnerships through cost sharing agreements

## ■ How?

- Local entities submit applications for projects through Subregional Service Councils for evaluation



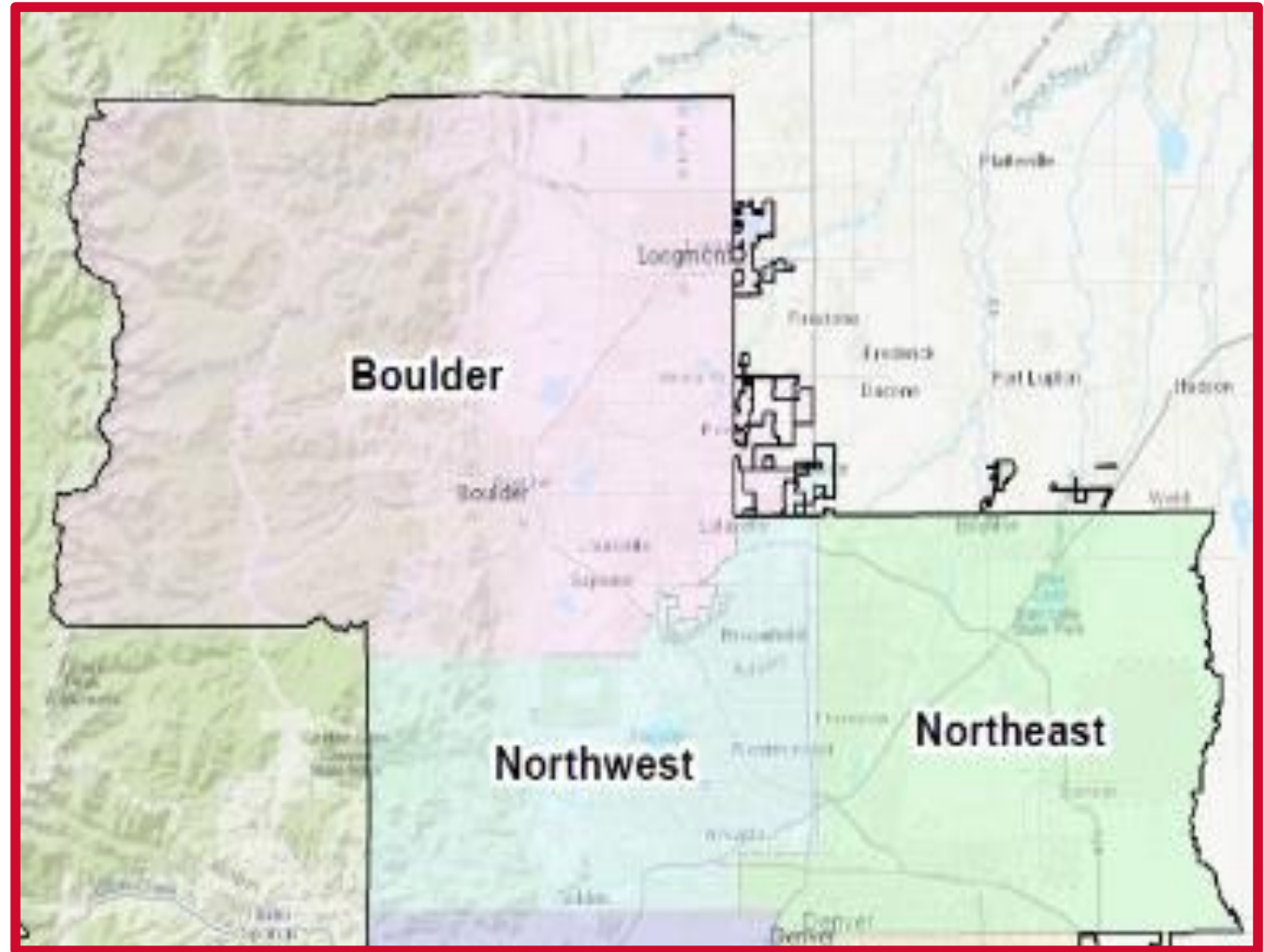
# Project Proposals

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- Complete proposals submitted: 10
  - Reviewed/scored by RTD staff
  - Prioritized by SSCs
  - Funding awards determined by selection committee
    - ▶ RTD staff: 5
    - ▶ SSC representatives: 5
    - ▶ DRCOG staff: 1
- Information available at <https://www.rtd-denver.com/partnership-program>

# Selected Projects

- Northeast SSC
  - **GES Montbello Expansion** (\$150,000)
  - FlexRide Optimization (\$43,120)
  - Micromobility Hub Network (\$145,719)
- Boulder SSC
  - Longmont Microtransit (\$450,000)
  - Gunbarrel Shuttle (\$150,000)
- Northwest
  - No proposed projects submitted

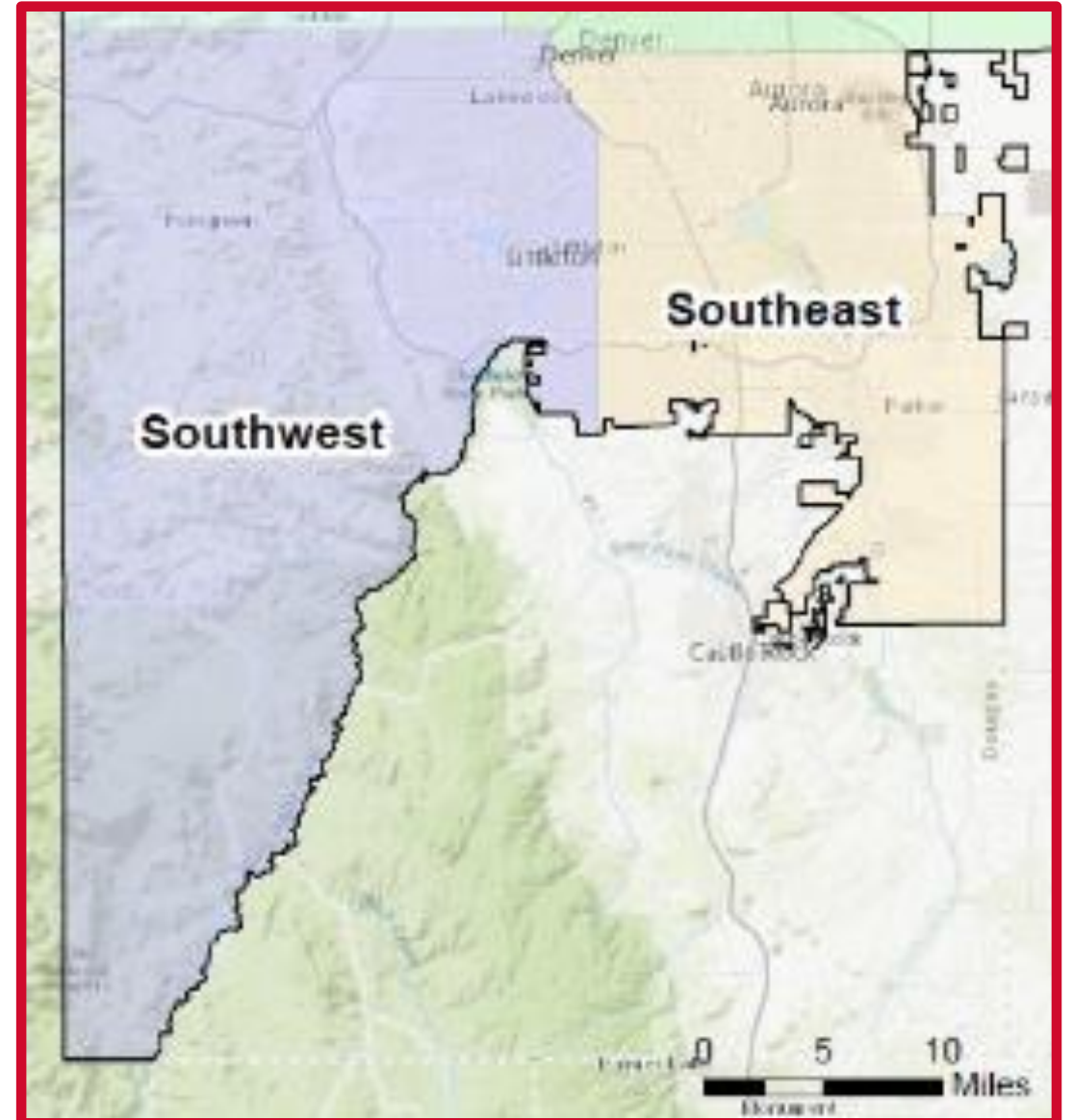


\*GES: Globeville-Elyria-Swansea



# Selected Projects (cont'd)

- Southwest SSC
  - **West Denver Connector** (\$150,000)
  - Englewood Trolley Expansion (\$300,000)
- Southeast SSC
  - Lone Tree Link Expansion (\$576,000)



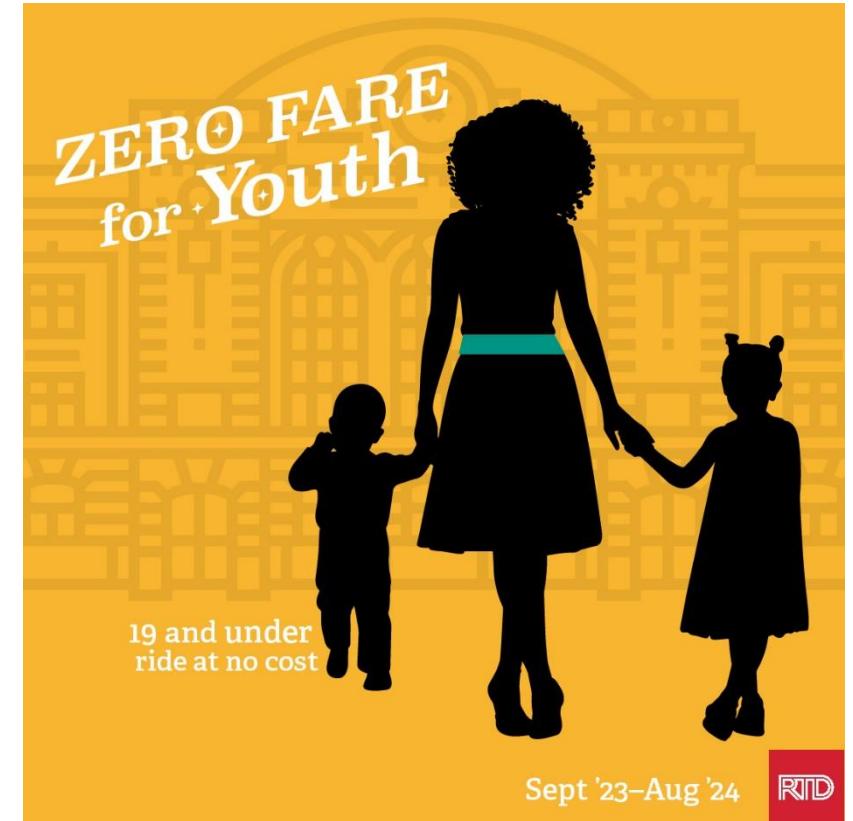


# **Zero Fare for Youth Pilot**



# Zero Fare for Youth Pilot

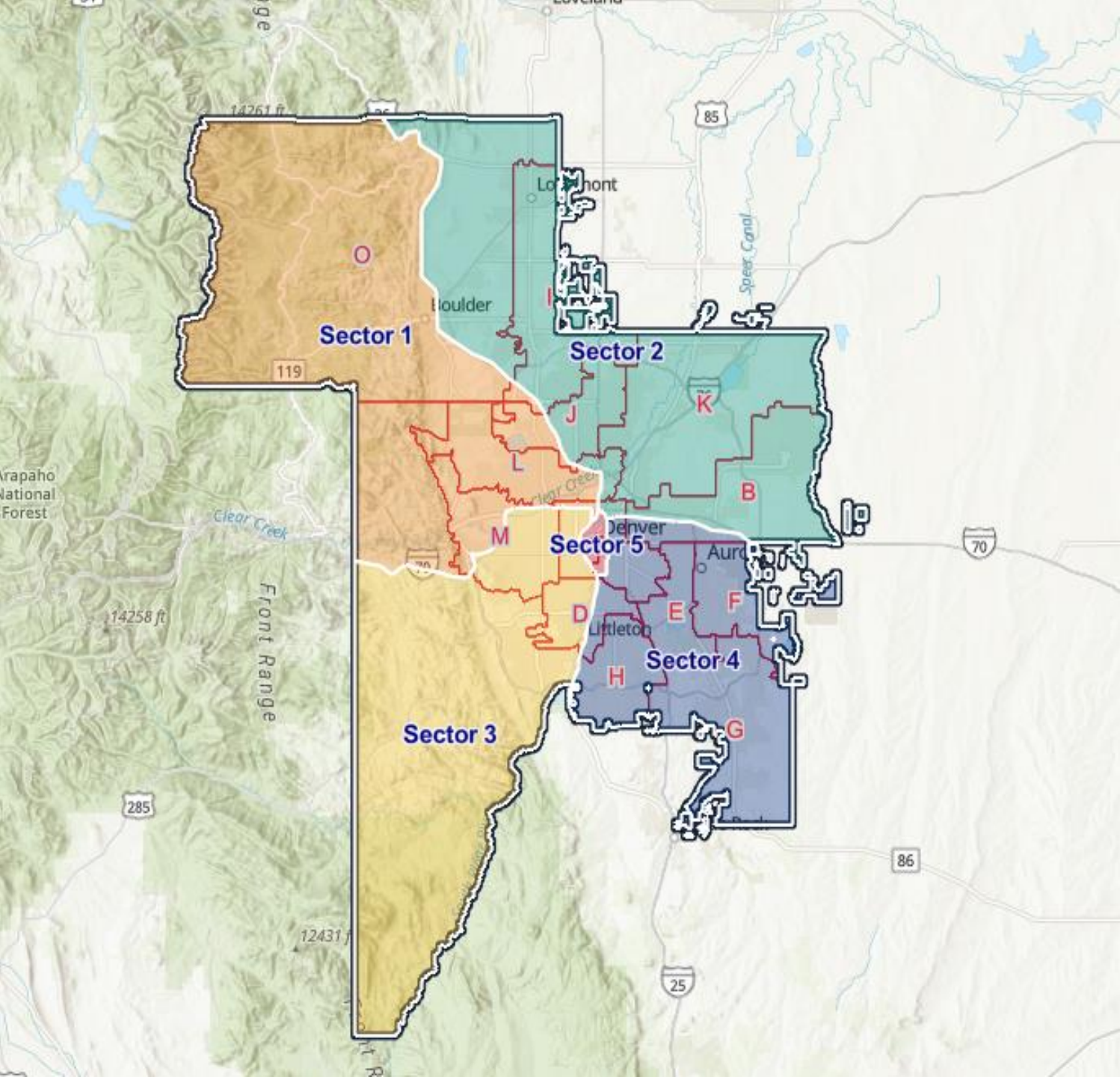
- RTD Board approved a one-year pilot program to align with school year
- Zero fare for those 19 years of age or younger
- Coordinating with public and private schools, youth organizations, activity centers, and community groups to communicate and promote
- Upon pilot completion, staff will:
  - Evaluate effectiveness
  - Determine disadvantaged or minority communities' impacts
  - Assess possible future funding opportunities





# Transit Police and Security

# Sector Plan and Assignments



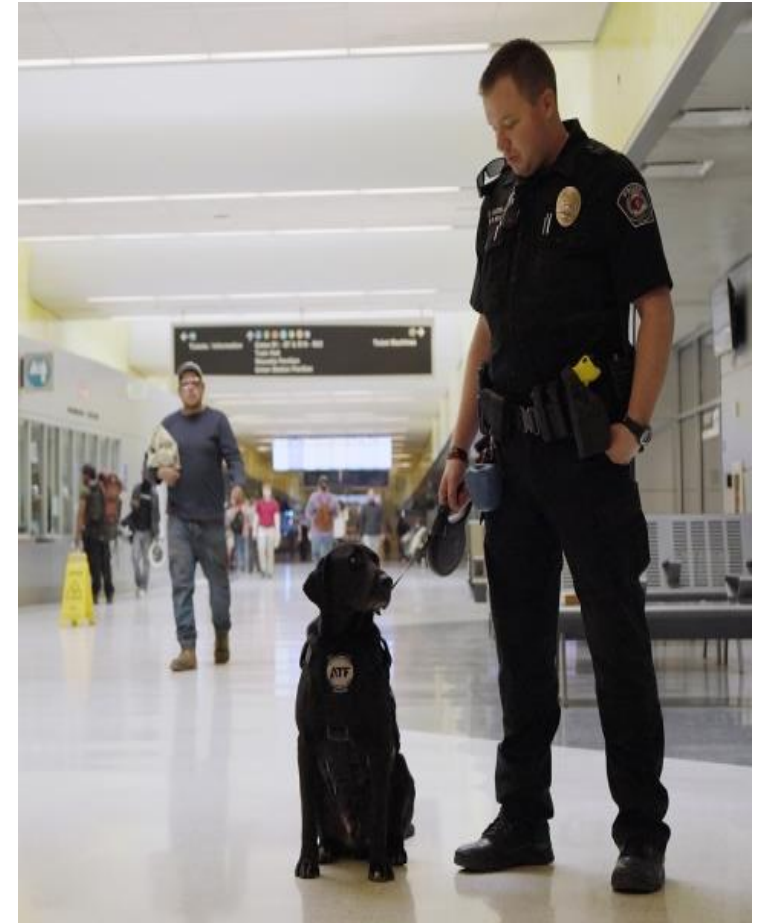
- Statutory arrest powers in eight counties, 40 cities, across 2342 mi<sup>2</sup>
- RTD divided into five geographical sectors:
  - Sector 1: Commander John Grygorcewicz
  - Sector 2: Commander Phillip Englishbee
  - Sector 3: Commander Nathaniel Mallory
  - Sector 4: Commander Jon Holloway
  - Sector 5: Commander Broderick Fowler
  - Administration: Commander Brian Cousineau
- Commanders are responsible for all:
  - Police Related Incidents
  - Community Events, and
  - Law Enforcement Partnerships within their Assigned Sectors



# Welcoming Transit Environment

## ■ RTD-PD Operational Priorities

- Implement 2022 APTA recommendations
- Add sworn officers to patrol and reduce overreliance on contracted security
- Employ evidence- and precision-based strategies in operations/deployment
- Continuous reassessment increases accountability (at all levels)
- Improve professionalism via training, promotion and career development
- Intense crime analysis via modernizing CAD and RMS
- Expanding law enforcement partnerships





# Contracted Security

- Transit Security Officer (TSO)
  - Fare enforcement
  - Critical infrastructure security
  - Mobile/foot patrols
  - Armed
- Transit Security Specialist (TSS)
  - Fare enforcement
  - Foot patrol
  - Commuter rail – second crew member(s)
  - Unarmed



# Secondary Employment and Partners

- Secondary employment program
  - Denver Police Department
  - Aurora Police Department
  - Lakewood Police Department
  - Thornton Police Department
- Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response Team (VIPR)
  - TSA/Department of Homeland Security
  - Uniformed and highly visible patrols
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force
- National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine-Transportation Research Board



**Thank you.**

