

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 30, 2024  
Date

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB24-032 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 13, strike lines 10 through 27.
- 2 Strike pages 14 through 21.
- 3 Page 22, strike lines 1 through 4 and substitute:
  - 4 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-38.5-114, add
  - 5 (8)(e) as follows:
    - 6 **24-38.5-114. Ozone season transit grant program - fund -**
    - 7 **creation - policies - report - definitions - repeal.** (8) (e) THE STATE
    - 8 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ANY MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND ON
    - 9 JUNE 30, 2024, INCLUDING MONEY THAT IS OBLIGATED OR ENCUMBERED,
    - 10 TO THE ZERO FARE TRANSIT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-114.5.
    - 11 ANY MONEY THAT IS OBLIGATED OR ENCUMBERED WHEN IT IS
    - 12 TRANSFERRED TO THE ZERO FARE TRANSIT FUND SHALL BE USED FOR THE
    - 13 SAME PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS OBLIGATED OR ENCUMBERED PURSUANT
    - 14 TO THIS SECTION.
  - 15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-38.5-114.5
  - 16 as follows:
    - 17 **24-38.5-114.5. Zero fare transit grant programs - ozone season**
    - 18 **- youth fare free - zero fare transit fund - creation - policies - report**
    - 19 **- definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE
    - 20 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
      - 21 (a) "CASTA" MEANS THE COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF TRANSIT
      - 22 AGENCIES.
      - 23 (b) "ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY" MEANS A TRANSIT AGENCY THAT
      - 24 IS:
        - 25 (I) A REGIONAL SERVICE AUTHORITY PROVIDING SURFACE
        - 26 TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 32, A

1 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CREATED PURSUANT TO PART 6  
2 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 43, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
3 STATE, PUBLIC ENTITY, OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION PROVIDING MASS  
4 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OTHER THAN THE  
5 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT; AND  
6 (II) ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONEY UNDER A GRANT AUTHORIZED BY  
7 49 U.S.C. SEC. 5307 OR 49 U.S.C. SEC. 5311.  
8 (c) "FUND" MEANS THE ZERO FARE TRANSIT FUND CREATED IN  
9 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION.  
10 (d) "OFFICE" MEANS THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN  
11 SECTION 24-38.5-101.  
12 (e) "OZONE SEASON" MEANS THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1 TO AUGUST  
13 31 OF A CALENDAR YEAR; EXCEPT THAT, IF AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY  
14 OPERATES IN AN AREA IN WHICH OZONE-CAUSING TRAFFIC LEVELS ARE  
15 TYPICALLY HIGHEST DURING A DIFFERENT PERIOD THAN JUNE 1 TO  
16 AUGUST 31 OF A CALENDAR YEAR AND THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY  
17 IDENTIFIES THE DIFFERENT PERIOD IN AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO  
18 OFFER FARE-FREE SERVICE DURING THE IDENTIFIED PERIOD THAT IS  
19 SUBMITTED TO CASTA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
20 SECTION, "OZONE SEASON" MEANS, FOR THAT ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY,  
21 THE DIFFERENT PERIOD IDENTIFIED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION.  
22 (f) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ZERO FARE TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM  
23 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.  
24 (g) "REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT" MEANS THE REGIONAL  
25 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 9 OF TITLE 32.  
26 (h) "TRANSIT AGENCY" MEANS A PROVIDER OF PUBLIC  
27 TRANSPORTATION, AS DEFINED IN 49 U.S.C. SEC. 5302 (15), AS AMENDED.  
28 (i) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NINETEEN YEARS OF  
29 AGE OR YOUNGER.  
30 (2) THE ZERO FARE TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE  
31 OFFICE. THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE:  
32 (a) TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CASTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
33 PROVIDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCIES TO OFFER EITHER:  
34 (I) FREE TRANSIT SERVICES FOR A MINIMUM OF THIRTY DAYS  
35 DURING OZONE SEASON; OR  
36 (II) YEAR-ROUND FARE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS;  
37 AND  
38 (b) TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
39 DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING YEAR-ROUND FARE FREE  
40 TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS.  
41 (3) THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND AWARD  
42 GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND THE POLICIES  
43 DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS

1 SECTION. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, GRANTS ARE PAID OUT  
2 OF THE FUND.

3 (4) (a) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, CASTA OR THE REGIONAL  
4 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE  
5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND THE  
6 POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION  
7 (7) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL AWARD A GRANT OF FOUR MILLION FIVE  
9 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO CASTA AND FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO  
10 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT.

11 (c) CASTA, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, OR AN  
12 ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT FROM CASTA IS NOT  
13 REQUIRED TO EXPEND A GRANT IN THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS RECEIVED AND  
14 RETAINS THE GRANT AMOUNT UNTIL IT IS EXPENDED; EXCEPT THAT ANY  
15 GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION EXPIRES ON JUNE 30,  
16 2026.

17 (5) (a) CASTA MAY USE THE MONEY TO ESTABLISH A GRANT  
18 PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
19 SECTION. CASTA MAY USE A PORTION OF THE GRANT MONEY TO PAY ITS  
20 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM  
21 INCLUDING REASONABLE COSTS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE MARKETING  
22 CAMPAIGN FOR USE BY ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCIES.

23 (b) TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM CASTA, AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT  
24 AGENCY MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO CASTA THAT SPECIFIES  
25 WHETHER IT IS APPLYING FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT  
26 SERVICES FOR A MINIMUM OF THIRTY DAYS DURING OZONE SEASON OR  
27 YEAR-ROUND FARE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS. AN  
28 ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY MAY NOT RECEIVE A GRANT FOR BOTH  
29 PURPOSES IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR. IN ADDITION THE APPLICATION MUST  
30 ALSO DESCRIBE, AT A MINIMUM, EITHER:

31 (I) FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES  
32 FOR A MINIMUM OF THIRTY DAYS DURING OZONE SEASON, THE FREE  
33 TRANSIT SERVICES THAT WILL BE NEWLY PROVIDED, EXPANDED TO  
34 INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FREE TYPES OF SERVICE, EXPANDED TO INCLUDE  
35 ADDITIONAL FREE ROUTES, OR PROVIDED MORE FREQUENTLY WITH THE  
36 GRANT MONEY, INDICATE TO WHAT EXTENT THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT  
37 AGENCY WILL MATCH THE GRANT MONEY WITH OTHER MONEY, AND  
38 COMMIT TO PROVIDING THE NEW OR EXPANDED FREE SERVICES FOR AT  
39 LEAST THIRTY DAYS DURING THE OZONE SEASON; OR

40 (II) FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND FARE  
41 FREE TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS, THE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES  
42 THAT WILL BE NEWLY PROVIDED TO YOUTH RIDERS WITH THE GRANT  
43 MONEY, THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY'S CURRENT YOUTH RIDERSHIP,

1 AND THE METHOD THAT THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY USES TO TRACK  
2 YOUTH RIDERS.

3 (c) (I) AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT  
4 THROUGH CASTA MAY USE THE GRANT MONEY AS SPECIFIED IN  
5 SUBSECTION (5)(c)(II) OR (5)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION, AS APPLICABLE.

6 (II) AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT TO  
7 PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES DURING THE OZONE SEASON MAY USE  
8 GRANT MONEY TO COVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING NEW  
9 OR EXPANDED FREE TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN ITS SERVICE AREA DURING  
10 OZONE SEASON, INCLUDING OFFERING ADDITIONAL FREE SERVICES OR FREE  
11 ROUTES OR INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF SERVICE ON ROUTES FOR  
12 WHICH THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY CURRENTLY OFFERS FREE SERVICE.  
13 GRANT MONEY MAY BE USED TO REPLACE FARE BOX REVENUE AND TO PAY  
14 FOR OTHER EXPENSES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND MEASURE THE  
15 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING REASONABLE MARKETING  
16 EXPENSES INCURRED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF FREE SERVICE AND  
17 INCREASE RIDERSHIP, EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONDUCTING RIDER  
18 SURVEYS TO BETTER MEASURE THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON  
19 RIDERSHIP AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED IN PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES,  
20 AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN RIDERSHIP AS A RESULT  
21 OF THE PROGRAM. AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL NOT USE GRANT  
22 MONEY TO OFFSET OR REPLACE FUNDING FOR FREE TRANSIT SERVICES  
23 THAT THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY OFFERS AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE  
24 FUNDING YEAR; EXCEPT THAT AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY MAY USE  
25 GRANT MONEY THAT WAS NOT EXPENDED IN THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WAS  
26 RECEIVED OR GRANT MONEY FROM A GRANT AWARDED FOR A SUBSEQUENT  
27 YEAR TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR ANY SUCH FREE TRANSIT SERVICES THAT  
28 WERE PREVIOUSLY FUNDED WITH GRANT MONEY.

29 (III) AN ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT TO  
30 PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND FARE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS  
31 MAY USE GRANT MONEY TO PROVIDE OPERATING SUPPORT FOR ITS TRANSIT  
32 OPERATIONS AND GENERAL TRANSIT PROGRAMS AND TO PAY FOR OTHER  
33 EXPENSES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS  
34 OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING REASONABLE MARKETING EXPENSES  
35 INCURRED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF FREE SERVICE AND INCREASE  
36 RIDERSHIP, EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONDUCTING RIDER SURVEYS TO  
37 BETTER MEASURE THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON RIDERSHIP AND  
38 VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED IN PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES, AND EXPENSES  
39 ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN RIDERSHIP AS A RESULT OF THE  
40 PROGRAM SO LONG AS THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY PROVIDES  
41 UNINTERRUPTED FARE FREE YEAR-ROUND TRANSIT SERVICES FOR YOUTH  
42 RIDERS.

43 (d) IN AWARDING GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5),

1 CASTA SHALL:  
2 (I) FOR A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT TO PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT  
3 SERVICES DURING THE OZONE SEASON:  
4 (A) ALLOCATE MONEY AMONG APPLICANTS WITH THE GOALS OF  
5 REDUCING OZONE FORMATION, INCREASING RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT, AND  
6 REDUCING VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED IN THE STATE; AND  
7 (B) CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE APPLICANT WILL MATCH  
8 GRANT MONEY WITH OTHER MONEY; AND  
9 (II) FOR A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND FARE  
10 FREE TRANSIT TO YOUTH RIDERS:  
11 (A) ALLOCATE MONEY AMONG APPLICANTS WITH THE GOALS OF  
12 INCREASING YOUTH RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT, REDUCING OZONE FORMATION,  
13 AND REDUCING VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED IN THE STATE; AND  
14 (B) CONSIDER DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY USING A FORMULA  
15 DEVELOPED BY CASTA THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT YOUTH RIDERSHIP IN  
16 THE SERVICE AREA OF THE APPLICANT AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE  
17 APPLICANT WILL MATCH GRANT MONEY WITH OTHER MONEY; EXCEPT  
18 THAT AN APPLICANT IS NOT REQUIRED TO MATCH GRANT MONEY TO BE  
19 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT.  
20 (e) (I) EACH ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT  
21 SHALL REPORT ON THE USE OF THE MONEY TO CASTA IN ACCORDANCE  
22 WITH POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY CASTA AND THE OFFICE. THE REPORT  
23 MUST INCLUDE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5)(e)(II) OR  
24 (5)(e)(III) OF THIS SECTION, AS APPLICABLE.  
25 (II) FOR A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT TO PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT  
26 SERVICES DURING THE OZONE SEASON, THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS  
27 SUBSECTION (5)(e) MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, INFORMATION ON HOW  
28 THE GRANT MONEY WAS SPENT; THE FREE SERVICES THAT WERE OFFERED  
29 USING THE GRANT MONEY; AND ESTIMATES OF THE CHANGE IN RIDERSHIP  
30 DURING THE PERIOD THAT FREE SERVICES WERE OFFERED COMPARED TO  
31 PREVIOUS MONTHS, THE SAME MONTH IN PREVIOUS YEARS, AND THE  
32 MONTHS AFTER THE PROGRAM CONCLUDED. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE  
33 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING A NARRATIVE ANALYSIS, TO  
34 PROVIDE CONTEXT ON THE RIDERSHIP DATA INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.  
35 (III) FOR A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND FARE  
36 FREE TRANSIT TO YOUTH RIDERS, THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS  
37 SUBSECTION (5)(e) MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ESTIMATES OF THE  
38 CHANGE IN YOUTH RIDERSHIP DURING THE YEAR IN WHICH FARE FREE  
39 SERVICES WERE OFFERED TO YOUTH RIDERS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS  
40 YEARS, ANY CHANGES THAT THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY WOULD MAKE  
41 IN HOW IT PROVIDES FARE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS OR  
42 IN ITS USE OF THE GRANT MONEY BASED ON ITS EXPERIENCES, AND HOW  
43 THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY MARKETED THE FARE FREE TRANSIT

1 SERVICES FOR YOUTH RIDERS. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL  
2 INFORMATION, INCLUDING A NARRATIVE ANALYSIS, TO PROVIDE CONTEXT  
3 ON THE RIDERSHIP DATA INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

4 (IV) EACH ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT  
5 THROUGH CASTA SHALL SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO CASTA BY NOVEMBER  
6 1, 2024, AND BY NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

7 (f) BY DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR  
8 THEREAFTER, CASTA SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OFFICE COMPILING  
9 AND SUMMARIZING THE REPORTED INFORMATION FOR ALL ELIGIBLE  
10 TRANSIT AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED A GRANT THROUGH CASTA.

11 (g) (I) CASTA SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLICIZE POLICIES FOR THE  
12 GRANT, INCLUDING THE PROCESS AND DEADLINES FOR AN ELIGIBLE  
13 TRANSIT AGENCY TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A GRANT, THE INFORMATION  
14 AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION, REPORTING  
15 REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES, AND ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS  
16 NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT.

17 (II) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION  
18 (5)(g)(I) OF THIS SECTION, CASTA SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE THAT IF A  
19 TRANSIT AGENCY IS APPLYING FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT  
20 SERVICES DURING THE OZONE SEASON, THE ELIGIBLE TRANSIT AGENCY  
21 MUST IDENTIFY ANY PERIOD OTHER THAN JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 31 OF A  
22 CALENDAR YEAR FOR ITS OZONE SEASON IN THE APPLICATION.

23 (6)(a) THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT MAY USE GRANT  
24 MONEY TO PROVIDE OPERATING SUPPORT FOR ITS TRANSIT OPERATIONS  
25 AND GENERAL TRANSIT PROGRAMS AND TO PAY FOR OTHER EXPENSES  
26 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
27 PROGRAM, INCLUDING REASONABLE MARKETING EXPENSES INCURRED TO  
28 RAISE AWARENESS OF FREE SERVICE AND INCREASE RIDERSHIP, EXPENSES  
29 INCURRED IN CONDUCTING RIDER SURVEYS TO BETTER MEASURE THE  
30 IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON RIDERSHIP AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED IN  
31 PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES, AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE  
32 IN RIDERSHIP AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM SO LONG AS THE REGIONAL  
33 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT PROVIDES UNINTERRUPTED FARE FREE  
34 YEAR-ROUND TRANSIT SERVICES FOR YOUTH RIDERS.

35 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR WHICH THE  
36 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT RECEIVES A GRANT, THE REGIONAL  
37 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OFFICE ON  
38 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
39 POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE, AT A  
40 MINIMUM, ESTIMATES OF THE CHANGE IN YOUTH RIDERSHIP DURING THE  
41 YEAR IN WHICH FARE FREE SERVICES WERE OFFERED TO YOUTH RIDERS  
42 COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS, ANY CHANGES THAT THE REGIONAL  
43 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT WOULD MAKE IN HOW IT PROVIDES FARE FREE

1 TRANSIT SERVICES TO YOUTH RIDERS OR IN ITS USE OF THE GRANT MONEY  
2 BASED ON ITS EXPERIENCES, AND HOW THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
3 DISTRICT MARKETED THE FARE FREE TRANSIT SERVICES FOR YOUTH  
4 RIDERS. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING  
5 A NARRATIVE ANALYSIS, TO PROVIDE CONTEXT ON THE RIDERSHIP DATA  
6 INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

7 (c) THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE REGIONAL  
8 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S USE OF THE GRANT MONEY AS PART OF ITS  
9 PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT  
10 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-9-115 (3).

11 (7) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH AND PUBLICIZE POLICIES FOR THE  
12 PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE POLICIES MUST ADDRESS THE PROCESS AND  
13 ANY DEADLINES FOR APPLYING FOR AND RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER THE  
14 PROGRAM, THE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE  
15 APPLICATION, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES, AND ANY  
16 ADDITIONAL POLICIES NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

17 (8) (a) THE ZERO FARE TRANSIT FUND IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE  
18 STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE  
19 FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-38.5-114 (8)(e), AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO  
20 ITS REPEAL ON JULY 1, 2024, MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND  
21 PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-4-1103 (2)(e), ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE  
22 GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES OR TRANSFERS TO THE FUND, AND ANY  
23 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO  
24 SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION.

25 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND  
26 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE  
27 FUND TO THE FUND.

28 (c) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
29 OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

30 (d) ANY MONEY THAT IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE OZONE SEASON  
31 TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM FUND TO THE FUND ON JUNE 30, 2024,  
32 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-38.5-114 (8)(e), AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS  
33 REPEAL ON JULY 1, 2024, THAT IS OBLIGATED OR ENCUMBERED WHEN IT  
34 IS TRANSFERRED SHALL BE USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT  
35 WAS OBLIGATED OR ENCUMBERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-38.5-114, AS  
36 IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL ON JULY 1, 2024.

37 (e) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
38 ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND  
39 THAT WAS TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-4-1103 (2)(e) TO THE  
40 PORTION OF THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FUND THAT IS  
41 ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-4-1103 (2)(a)(I)(A).

42 (9) THE OFFICE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,  
43 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF

1 THIS SECTION. THE OFFICE SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED  
2 THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO  
3 SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.  
4 (10) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR OF THE  
5 PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
6 OF THE PROGRAM TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION,  
7 HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE  
8 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
9 COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST SUMMARIZE AND COMPILE THE  
10 INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS  
11 (5)(e) AND (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION."

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