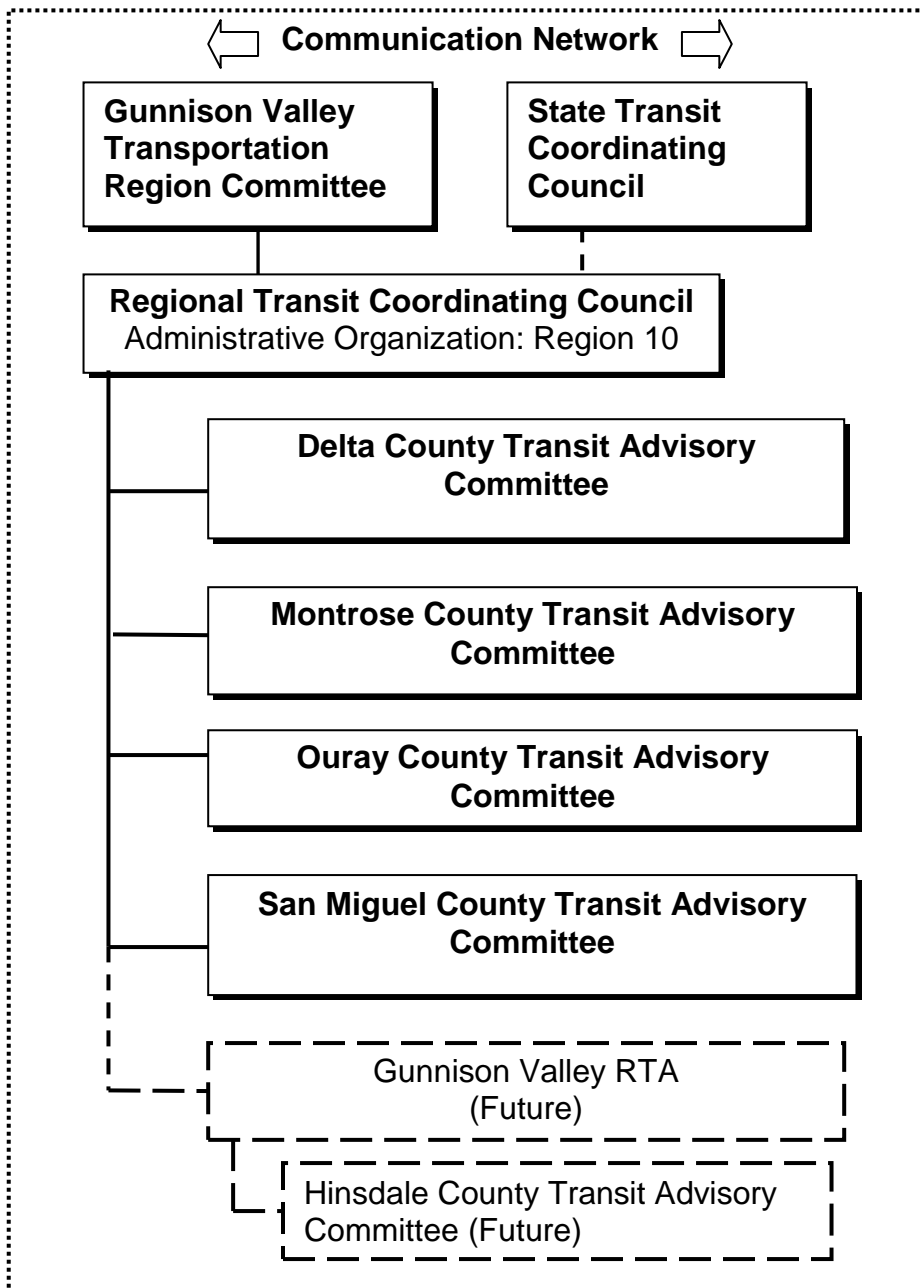


# REGION

## Regional Transit Coordinating Council Organizational Structure June 18, 2010

The RTCC will indirectly involve many local participants through County Transit Advisory Committees that may include local stakeholders in government, transit, developmental disabilities services, schools, area agency on aging, economic development, housing authorities, chambers of commerce, workforce centers, etc. The eight Members of the RTCC will also be members of the Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee, and will represent the Region's interest on transit matters.



Using this model, the following shows suggested membership on the Regional Transit Coordinating Council and each Transit Advisory Committee, their responsibilities, and how communications would flow.

## 1. REGIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL

- **Purpose**
  - Review and transit plans, projects, and proposals.
  - Approve budgets for the RTCC, to include expenses and sources of funds for planning and the implementation of projects
- **Membership**
  - Two members (at least one a local Government representative) from each Transit Advisory Committee, plus the Chair of the GVTPR (ex officio) and a Region 10 representative.
  - Voting: All Members
- **Meeting Frequency**
  - Quarterly or as necessary.
- **Chairperson**
  - Member elected by the Committee. Region 10 representative has a primarily administrative function and is not eligible to be Chairperson.

## 2. COUNTY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- **Purpose and Authority**
  - A Transit Advisory Committee will be established in each County. The TAC will be a forum to discuss and coordinate transit issues and determine transit priorities within each County.
- **Membership will be determined and appointed by each County. Suggested members are:**
  - County and Municipal Elected Officials or Managers (at least one)
  - Area Agency on Aging (representing seniors)
  - Workforce Center (Delta and Montrose only, representing workers)
  - Transit Providers operating within the County(s)
  - County Department of Social Services (representing low income residents)
  - Chambers of Commerce (representing local businesses)
  - Others from Fig. 3.2 in the Handbook (as determined by each TAC).
- **Voting**
  - As determined by each TAC
- **Meeting Frequency**
  - To be determined by each County
- **Chairperson**
  - Two representatives from each TAC will be appointed by each County and will facilitate TAC meetings. These individuals will also be members of the RTCC and the GVTPR Committee.



**Mission, Goals and Objectives**  
**Three Rivers Regional Transit Coordinating Council**  
**June 18, 2009**

**Mission:**

The mission of the *Three Rivers* Regional Transit Coordinating Council is to facilitate cost effective transit to improve access to employment, health, human and recreational services by encouraging and coordinating the appropriate development of transit services.

**Goals:**

- 1. Establish and maintain regular communication regarding issues among stakeholders and users of all forms of transit in the region.**
- 2. Establish a shared vision among stakeholders to coordinate resources and services.**
- 3. Develop and propose plans and policies to increase cost-effective ridership opportunities.**
- 4. Encourage the development of private and public transit services and partnerships to increase ridership opportunities.**
- 5. Review transit services and propose ideas to improve access and increase customer satisfaction.**
- 6. Reduce single vehicle commutes, fuel consumption, tire wear, road surface impacts, wildlife conflicts, and improve air quality.**

## **Objectives Listed by Goal**

### **1. Establish and maintain regular communication regarding issues among stakeholders and users of all forms of transit in the region.**

- a. Provide information and referrals to the public regarding available transit services by means of a Website, call center, brochures, etc.
- b. Inform and communicate with the Colorado Council, CDOT and the Colorado Transit and Rail Division.

### **2. Establish a shared vision among stakeholders to coordinate resources and services.**

- a. Facilitate the coordination of human services organizations and transit providers.
- b. Review, coordinate and propose priorities for grant applications for public money.
- c. Facilitate the coordination of and minimize duplication of transit services or assets such as shared vehicles.
- d. Facilitate the coordination of non-emergency medical transportation.
- e. Identify obstacles to coordination, work with stakeholders to remedy them, and involve the Colorado Council as needed.

### **3. Develop and propose plans and policies to increase cost-effective ridership opportunities.**

- a. Develop policy positions on issues affecting coordination of services and the provision and funding of transit services.
- b. Identify discrepancies and duplication in the provision of transit services.
- c. Solicit grants and commission transit feasibility studies as appropriate.
- d. Develop a regional forum for coordinating the sharing vehicles among transit providers.
- e. Identify locations where new or expanded transit services could be successful—for example: a community route or a regional route, or perhaps some other transit service.
- f. Investigate whether Intelligent Transportation Systems would be practical for our region. Obtain ITS tools that can improve service provision and coordination among providers.
- g. Evaluate inter-community transit demand on various potential routes using available or new studies. Establish priorities for potential new transit routes, and update periodically.
- h. Evaluate the feasibility of establishing an Regional Transit Authority in the region.

**4. Encourage the development of private and public transit services and partnerships to increase ridership opportunities.**

- a. Solicit funds to support transit services.
- b. Research funding opportunities to support a collaborative effort to reduce transit costs, enhance services and increase ridership.
- c. Serve as a grant administrator for regional transit projects and submit grants for regional transit programs.
- d. Provide a forum for allocating rides geographically or in travel zones.
- e. Establishing a clearinghouse for vanpool or rideshare services. Consider a Web application.
- f. Solicit public and private grant funding to guarantee minimum net income to private transit companies in exchange for implementing a high priority new route, expanding service hours, etc for a defined period (similar in concept to the air guarantee program).

**5. Review transit services and propose ideas to improve access and increase customer satisfaction.**

- a. Review services that are provided, from quality of service to cost.
- b. Develop ideas with transit providers to improve access and satisfaction.

**6. Reduce single vehicle commutes, fuel consumption, tire wear, road surface impacts, wildlife conflicts, and improve air quality.**

- a. Develop a regional system for ride sharing.
- b. Promote the use of current transit providers.
- c. Advertise transit availability.
- d. Creation of park and ride sites and locations.