



North Area Transportation Alliance Board Meeting

March 23, 2023



Agenda



1. Welcome and introductions- Chair Greg Mills
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
4. Smart Commute Update – Carson Priest
5. CDOT Commissioner Update
6. RTD Directors Reports - Directors Buzek, Harwick, Davidson, Whitmore
7. RTD Regional Ridership Report – RTD Senior Staff
8. Other

A photograph of two flags flying on a tall black pole against a clear blue sky. The top flag is the United States flag, and the bottom flag is the Colorado state flag. The sun is visible in the upper left, creating a bright glow.

Pledge of Allegiance



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HB22-1026 – Alternative Transportation Options Tax Credit

- 50% income tax credit for alternative transportation options (through 2024)
- 50% of \$250,000 in expenses or a maximum of \$2,000 per-employee
 - So, a maximum tax credit of \$125,000
- Language is vague on what's included:
 - “generally accepted TDM strategies”
 - Ridesharing arrangements
 - Shared micromobility options like bike/scooter share
 - RTD Eco Pass
- Next Steps
 - Rulemaking process – clarify definition on what's included – 3/30 hearing
 - DoR tax form mid-summer
 - Significant outreach push in conjunction with CCC effort



HB22-1026— Clarification from the Colorado Department of Revenue

What qualifies, How to Engage, Forms & Process to Claim the Credit

House Bill 22-1026 created a new income tax credit for tax years commencing on and after January 1, 2023, but before January 1, 2025, a two-year timeframe. The tax credit is not available for the 2022 tax year. The Department of Revenue, (DOR), is currently developing a form for employers to file their notification plan required by section 39-22-509(3)(c), C.R.S.

What Qualifies

The bill is fairly detailed in describing the types of options eligible for the credit, (transit passes and fares, vans, shuttles, e-bikes, scooters, micromobility, administrative costs and cash incentives). It does, however, provide limited discretion for defining similar qualifying activities with several exemplary "including, but not limited to" clauses. Although these clauses do not provide the Department of Revenue (DOR) substantial discretion, the DOR will need to address those phrases through rulemaking, which will take place this spring.

How To Engage

The DOR welcomes feedback from stakeholders, businesses, Transportation Management Association (TMAs) or Organizations (TMOs) on provisions of the credit statute (section 39-22-509, C.R.S.) that are in need of further clarification and guidance. Visit the DOR's website (<https://tax.colorado.gov/rulemaking-process>) for more information about rulemaking workgroups.

How Employers Can Claim the Credit

Employers may claim the credit by filing the Annual Employer Plan Report form still under development by the DOR. *To claim the credit for the 2023 income tax year, a qualifying employer must file and submit a Colorado income tax return (DR0112) by the April 15, 2024, due date (or the October 15, 2024, extension deadline).* A qualifying employer claiming the credit must file with their return an Alternative Transportation Options Credit Eligibility Certification. This form is in development and will be posted on DOR's website when available.

Forms and Guidance Documents

The Department will provide taxpayers with a general guidance publication regarding the alternative transportation options income tax credit, including the Annual Employer Plan Report, and an Alternative Transportation Options Credit Eligibility Certification (which form is still in development). Taxpayers are encouraged to consult their tax advisors for guidance regarding specific situations.

Request for Private Rulings

Taxpayers may request a private letter ruling to obtain binding guidance on proposed alternative transportation option credit claims by following the process described [here](#). Private letter rulings are advance rulings issued to specific taxpayers regarding the Department's application of tax statutes and rules to a proposed or completed transaction. Private letter rulings are generally binding upon the Department but may only be relied upon by the taxpayer to whom they are issued.

News flash: Colorado offers employers a tax credit to support alternative commute options


The process is easy. We can help.
And all our services are free!

What is it? New for tax years 2023 and 2024, the State of Colorado will provide a refundable tax credit of 50% for employer expenses related to providing alternative transportation options to employees.

Why? The tax credit's purposes are to increase the use of alternative transportation, reduce traffic congestion and improve the state's air quality.

What qualifies? Expenses related to supporting **anything** other than driving alone, including:

 Transit.

 Biking.

 Shuttles.

 Carpool.

 Vanpool.

 Administrative expenses.

1

Register today, and complete a quick 10-minute assessment - visit coloradocleancommute.org to get started.

2

Way to Go's support team will help distribute an automated survey to your employees at no cost.

3

Way to Go will use survey results to prepare a custom commute options plan for your workplace, and help every step of the way.

More why? In addition to this being good for the environment, it's good for your business, too:

- **Attract and retain the best employees.** Surveys show people want to work for employers that support commute options!
- **Improve productivity, health and morale.**
- **Position your brand as eco-friendly.**

Contact:

Email:

Phone:

Web:

Smart Commute Outreach

- RTD Final Fridays
- Bike to Work Day June 28
- Community Events





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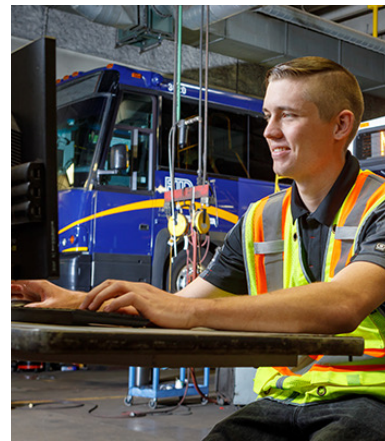
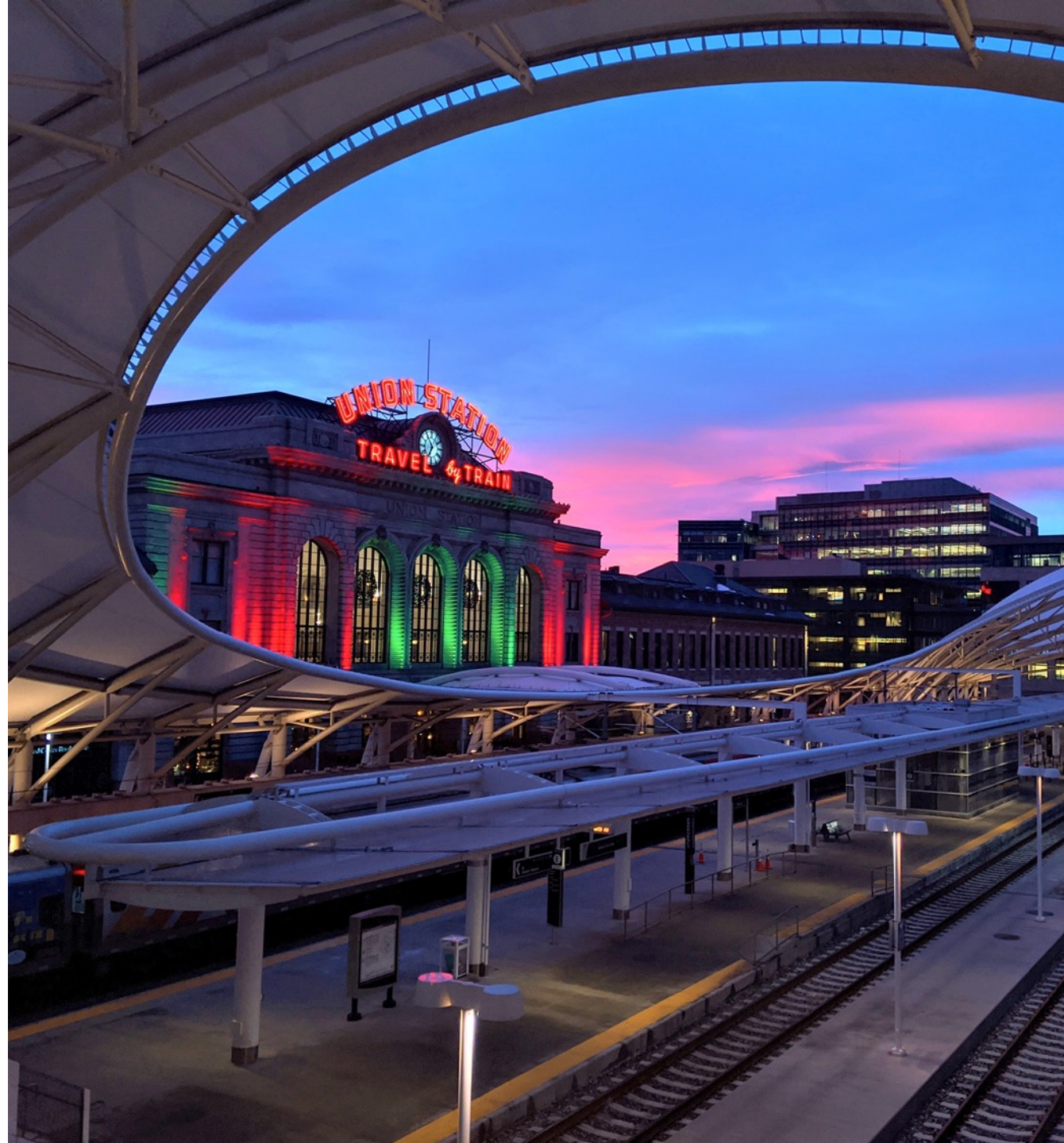
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People Power

People Power – Hires/Separations

Employees (FT/PT)	2021	2022
Hired	302	708 
Separated	1,165	401 

- Applicant numbers growing
- Retention improving
- 2023 budgeted FT/PT employees: 3,199
- Active employees: 2,631

People Power – Vacancy Rate

Bus Operations	Vacancy
Bus Operators (FT)	19%
Bus Operators (PT)	17%
Maintenance (General Repair and Body Shop)	33%
Service/Cleaning and Service/Vault	30%

Note: As of January 2023

Rail Operations	Vacancy
Rail Operators (FT)	16%
Rail Operators (PT)	*
Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance	35%
Maintenance of Way/ Infrastructure	40%

Note: As of January 2023

* No current vacancies



Ridership

Regional Ridership Overview

■ System-wide Ridership

- 2019 – 105,824,000 (Wall Street Predicts Permanent 20% loss)
- 2021 – 49,033,000
- 2022 – 61,603,000 (25% increase)

■ N Line Ridership

- 2021 – 763,000
- 2022 – 990,000 (30% increase)





Thank you.

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Upcoming Presentations and Discussions



- CDOT Mobility Hub Plan Update (April)
- CTIO TIFIA Loan Update (May)
- DRCOG TIP NATA Region County Project Updates
- Bustang Future of Service Update
- NATA Letter of Support Status Update
- I-25 Seg. 2 Updated Scope Presentation
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