



**Colorado  
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**Bill 3**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0369.01  
**Prime Sponsor(s):**

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**Bill Status:** Transportation Legislation Review  
Committee Bill Request

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**BILL TOPIC:** MODIFY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$16,650</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,960</u></b>
State Highway Fund	16,650	39,960
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$16,650 - Department of Transportation (FY 2016-17).		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing expenditure impact.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the Transportation Commission (TC) is made up of 11 members representing statutorily defined districts and serving four year terms. This bill, ***requested by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee***, expands TC membership to 15 members and aligns the members with the 15 Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs). Current membership and districts will continue through January 31, 2016 when new membership representing the TPRs must be appointed by the Governor. The bill also stipulates that 7 of the 15 TC members will serve 2 year terms, as designated by the Governor.

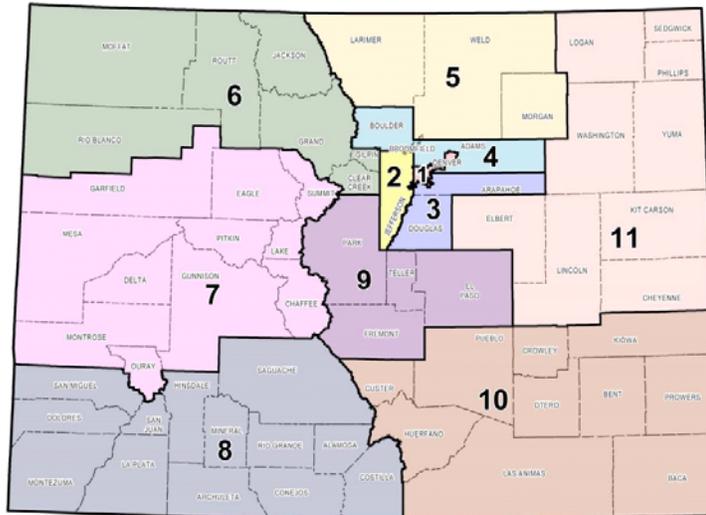
**Background**

The TC meets monthly and oversees the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The TC is responsible for:

- formulating general policy related to management, construction, maintenance of highways and other transportation systems;
- prescribing administrative practices for CDOT;
- making all orders, rules, and regulations necessary to carry out transportation programs;
- adopting budgets and programs; and
- making recommendations to CDOT, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

The districts that TC members represent have been expanded and redrawn several times over the 102 years the TC has existed. The 11 current districts were established in 1991. The TPRs that the TC members will represent under this bill include 10 regional planning commissions and 5 metropolitan planning regions. Figure 1 illustrates the current TC districts and Figure 2 illustrates the TPRs that TC members will represent under this bill.

**Figure 1**  
**Current Transportation Commission Districts**

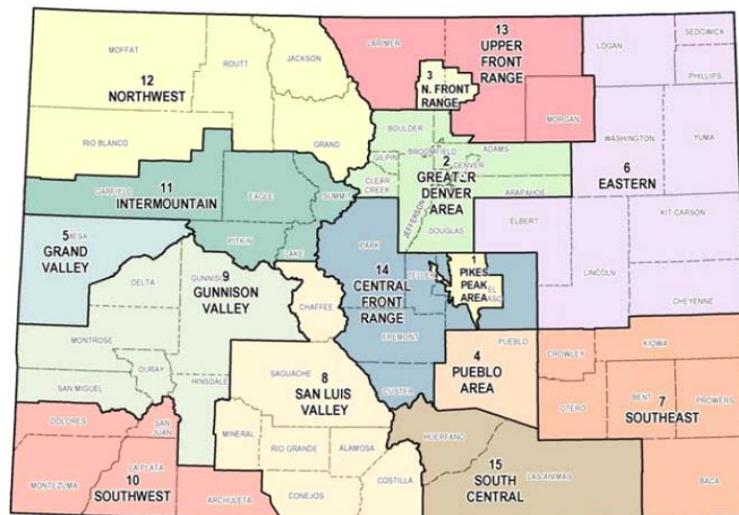


Source: Colorado

Department of Transportation

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**Figure 2**  
**Proposed Transportation Commission Districts (Transportation Planning Regions) under LLS 16-0369**



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**State Expenditures**

***This bill will increase expenditures for CDOT by \$16,650 in FY 2016-17 and \$39,960 in FY 2017-18 and thereafter.*** Expenditures are summarized in Table 1 and explained below.

<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
Per Diem	\$1,500	\$3,600
Member Travel	\$11,750	\$28,200
Printing and Supplies	\$2,900	\$6,960
Other Expenses	\$500	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,650</b>	<b>\$39,960</b>

**Assumptions.** This fiscal note assumes that the TC will meet monthly, exceeding the 8 meetings per year required by law, and that the 15-member TC will meet 5 times during FY 2016-17, beginning in February 2017.

**Per diem.** Members will receive \$75 per day per meeting, as specified in statute. Assuming 5 meetings in FY 2016-17 and 12 meetings in FY 2017-18, per diem for the 4 new TC members will cost a total of \$1,500 in FY 2016-17 and \$3,600 in FY 2017-18.

**Member Travel.** The 4 new members will be reimbursed for travel to meetings, as well as for lodging. The \$2,350 per meeting cost results in \$11,750 for 5 meetings in FY 2016-17 and \$28,200 for 12 meetings in FY 2017-18. The per meeting calculations are based on the following assumptions:

- members will be reimbursed for two nights lodging per meeting, at \$150 per night; and
- one new member will be reimbursed for 500 miles roundtrip at \$.52/mile, one for 250 miles round trip at \$.52/mile, and one for a \$500 flight.

**Printing and Supplies.** Printing and supply costs cover meeting packets, reports, and presentations, as well as the necessary office supplies for the TC.

**Other Expenses.** Other expenses include shipping costs, education opportunities for the TC, and photography reproduction.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State Appropriations**

For FY 2016-17, the bill requires an appropriation of \$16,650 from the State Highway Fund to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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