

# Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Considerations

## FORMATION

## AVAILABLE POWERS

## GOVERNANCE

	Consideration	Required	Optional
<b>1</b>	<b>Nature of entity</b>	Formed by establishing contract (IGA) of 2 or more municipal or county "members" (no legislation needed)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Fundamental activity</b>	Statement of regional transportation systems to be provided	Transportation systems may be provided by (1) supplying funds to members, (2) co-contracting with members, (3) contracting with state or political subdivisions, or (4) directly providing transportation systems
<b>3</b>	<b>TABOR status</b>	RTAs are TABOR districts	RTAs can own TABOR enterprises
<b>4</b>	<b>Creation approval</b>	Establishing contract of members  Favorable electoral approval  Establishing contract submitted to DOT, RTD, bordering counties, municipalities, and PHAs for negative impact review	
<b>5</b>	<b>Governing documents</b>	RTA statute and establishing contract	Establishing contract may limit statutory powers
<b>6</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	Establishing contract's members' territory or portions thereof, per establishing contract	Can do projects in territory outside of members' boundaries with consent of that territory's governing body
<b>7</b>	<b>Boundary change</b>	Inclusions and exclusions process set by statute	Can be restricted in establishing contract

	Consideration	
<b>1</b>	<b>Scope of transportation systems</b>	Systems which transport or convey people or goods
<b>2</b>	<b>Capital improvements</b>	May be set in establishing contract and ballot for electoral approval  May be committed to discretion of RTA board  May be based upon input/recommendation from members  Or may be some mix
<b>3</b>	<b>Operations/maintenance</b>	May be set in establishing contract and ballot for electoral approval  May be tied to entity capital projects  May be left to discretion of RTA board  May be left to discretion of members  Or may be some mix
<b>4</b>	<b>Modes of transportation</b>	May be set in establishing contract and ballot for electoral approval  May be left to discretion of RTA board  May be left to discretion of members
<b>5</b>	<b>Revenue (taxes)</b>	Sales tax (< 1%)  Ad valorem property tax until January 1, 2029 (< 5 mills)  Visitor benefit tax (< 2%)
<b>6</b>	<b>Revenue (fees)</b>	User fees (fares and tolls)  Vehicle registration fees (\$10 per each motor vehicle registered with county clerk)
<b>7</b>	<b>Debt</b>	Revenue bonds  GO bonds (if property tax)  Establishing contract and ballot approval may prohibit

	Consideration	Required	Optional
<b>1</b>	<b>Population of board</b>	Appointed from member governing body elected officials	Configuration per establishing contract  State Transportation Commission may join in establishing contract and governor/senate appoint negotiated number of directors
<b>2</b>	<b>Number of directors</b>	At least 5 directors  At least 1 director per member	At least 1 state director if state is a member of the establishing contract  Additional state and member directors per establishing contract
<b>3</b>	<b>Weighted or super-majority voting</b>	Statutory default: Quorum = majority of directors; action = majority of quorum	Per establishing contract
<b>4</b>	<b>Non-voting directors</b>		Per establishing contract
<b>5</b>	<b>Term of directors' offices</b>		As set by appointing member, or governor for state directors
<b>6</b>	<b>Board vacancies</b>		Per establishing contract
<b>7</b>	<b>Director qualifications</b>	Members' directors are governing body elected officials  State directors, if any, per governor/senate	