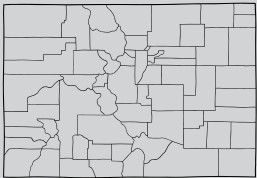


Vote Yes On

Measure 7A

Keep transit moving without a tax increase

1. What does the measure do?



Ballot measure 7A allows Colorado's Regional Transportation District (RTD) to keep and use all sales tax revenue collected for its services. In 1999, voters exempted RTD from TABOR restrictions until it repaid light rail construction debt, which will be fully paid off this November. Without another exemption, RTD will revert to TABOR limits and will be required to return revenue that is collected over the set revenue limit.

2. Community Impact

Studies find that well-planned service routes and affordable transit can help people with low incomes find and keep jobs, move out of poverty, make necessary household trips at lower costs and participate in out-of-household activities and local economies in ways they might not otherwise.

After the implementation of Zero Fare for Better Air in 2022, Denver and Jefferson Counties' levels of NO₂ pollution decreased by more than seven percent. In Weld county, it decreased by about four percent.

CFI supports 7A because we know that RTD's services create safer and more prosperous communities, particularly for disabled and people with low incomes who rely on public transportation to go to work or access medical care.



3. Fiscal Impact

Arbitrary limits on revenue and expenditures hinder governments from delivering adequate, responsive, and welfare-improving services. If 7A is not authorized, RTD would be required to return **7-10%** of its raised funds to taxpayers. This could result in a budget reduction of up to 10% for RTD, leading to public transportation that is less frequent, less accessible across regions, and potentially less safe.

We know subjecting districts to TABOR caps also creates a "ratchet down" effect, making economic downturns even worse by artificially lowering caps during revenue contractions. Though voters approved a statewide measure in 2005 (Referendum C) that removed the ratchet-down effect from statewide revenue, it still applies to local districts that are subject to a TABOR cap, including RTD if 7A is not approved.

4. Learn More

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