



RTD Board outlines process to select top finalist for interim CEO

Feedback can be submitted through Thursday, Jan. 23, by email or anonymous online comments

DENVER (Jan. 14, 2020) – As the Regional Transportation District (RTD)'s Board of Directors moves forward with its search for the agency's interim general manager and CEO, the Board has established next steps in selecting a top finalist. The Board also invites RTD employees and the public to provide their comments about the five finalists being considered for the role.

Through Thursday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m., comments will be accepted in three ways, including an opportunity for people to provide input anonymously through an online feedback form. All feedback will be compiled and shared with the Board. The comments are one of the components the Board will consider in its final decision-making for the interim leader.

RTD employees and the public can submit their thoughts in one of the following ways:

- **By completing a brief online feedback form offered in English and Spanish**, asking respondents to choose their selected finalist and provide feedback on their selection. This is the easiest way to provide input and is available for those who want to keep their comments anonymous. A link to the survey is available here (add link).
- **By emailing rtdgmsearch@rtd-Denver.com**, to address the whole Board.
- **By contacting their RTD director**. Those who don't know which RTD district they are in can enter their address on the [Board of Directors page](#), and they will be provided with contact details for the Board member who represents them.

Résumés for all five finalists are available for review.

The Board has established next steps in the process for selecting an interim general manager and CEO. Reference calls and background checks on all five finalists are being conducted this week.

The Board will meet in executive session on Tuesday, Jan. 28, prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting to proceed with its decision-making process. If the Board isn't finished with its discussion, it will return to executive session following the Board meeting to continue the selection process.

The five finalists for the interim General Manager and CEO position are:

Paul Ballard, former president and CEO, Trinity Metro

Ballard retired in April 2019 from Trinity Metro, which serves the city of Fort Worth, Texas, and its suburbs. Prior to that, he was CEO of the Nashville MTA and Regional Transportation



Authority of Middle Tennessee. Over more than four and a half decades, Ballard has served as a general manager, CEO or president of public- and private-sector transit systems.

Amy Ford, director, Mobility on Demand Alliance

Ford is director of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America's Mobility on Demand Alliance. She came to this role from the Colorado Department of Transportation, for which she was chief of advanced mobility and executive lead for the RoadX program and director of communications.

Michael Ford, RTD chief operations officer

Ford joined RTD in January 2018 as chief operations officer (COO), and he holds three decades of public and private transit experience in multiple states. Before joining RTD, Ford served as CEO of Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan, in Detroit; CEO of Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority; Chief Operating Officer and Assistant General Manager of the San Joaquin (California) Regional Transit District; and Director of Transportation Operations and Executive Advisor to the General Manager at TriMet, in Portland.

Mike Meader, RTD chief safety and security officer

Meader joined RTD in August 2016 and brings more than 30 years of management experience. Prior to RTD, his leadership roles included director of transportation solutions for Qognify/NICE and vice president of global accounts and safety programs for CINTAS. Meader served as a pilot and safety officer with the U.S. Air Force.

Jackie Millet, P.E., mayor, City of Lone Tree

Millet has served the City of Lone Tree as mayor for four years and eight years prior as city council member and mayor pro tem. Prior to that, she served as a planning commissioner. She is a registered civil engineer, as well as chair-elect and a board member of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, of which she has been a part for 10 years.

ABOUT RTD

The Regional Transportation District develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the transit needs of close to 3 million people within an eight-county service area in the Denver Metro region. RTD's buses, rail lines, shuttles and additional services provide approximately 100 million annual passenger trips. For more information, visit rtd-denver.com, call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: www.facebook.com/RideRTD, [@RideRTD](https://twitter.com/RideRTD) on Twitter, [@ridertd](https://www.instagram.com/ridertd) on Instagram and [rideRTDco](https://www.youtube.com/rideRTDco) on YouTube. For the most current RTD news, visit the News Stop, at rtd-denver.com/news-stop.

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