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People Need To Get Around Our Region



Why This New Model

	Under New Transit District	Using Existing Organization
Creates new government bureaucracy	Yes	No
Same rate forced on all cities	Yes	No
Creates independent voting authority separate from city leaders	Yes	No
Requires City and citizen participation/public input for all recommendations	No	Yes
Oversight by elected city councilors / county commissioners guaranteed	No	Yes
Citizens in each community decide on their own timeline, or WHETHER to join at all	No	Yes
Best for citizen participation	No	Yes

Bottom Line

- The region needs effective, efficient transit system for workers, business, and seniors.
- It can't be a one size fits all.
- Each community needs a strong voice and the power to make their own decision
- This is a common sense, governance model that utilizes an existing organization, rather than creating a new bureaucracy