



REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TASK FORCE

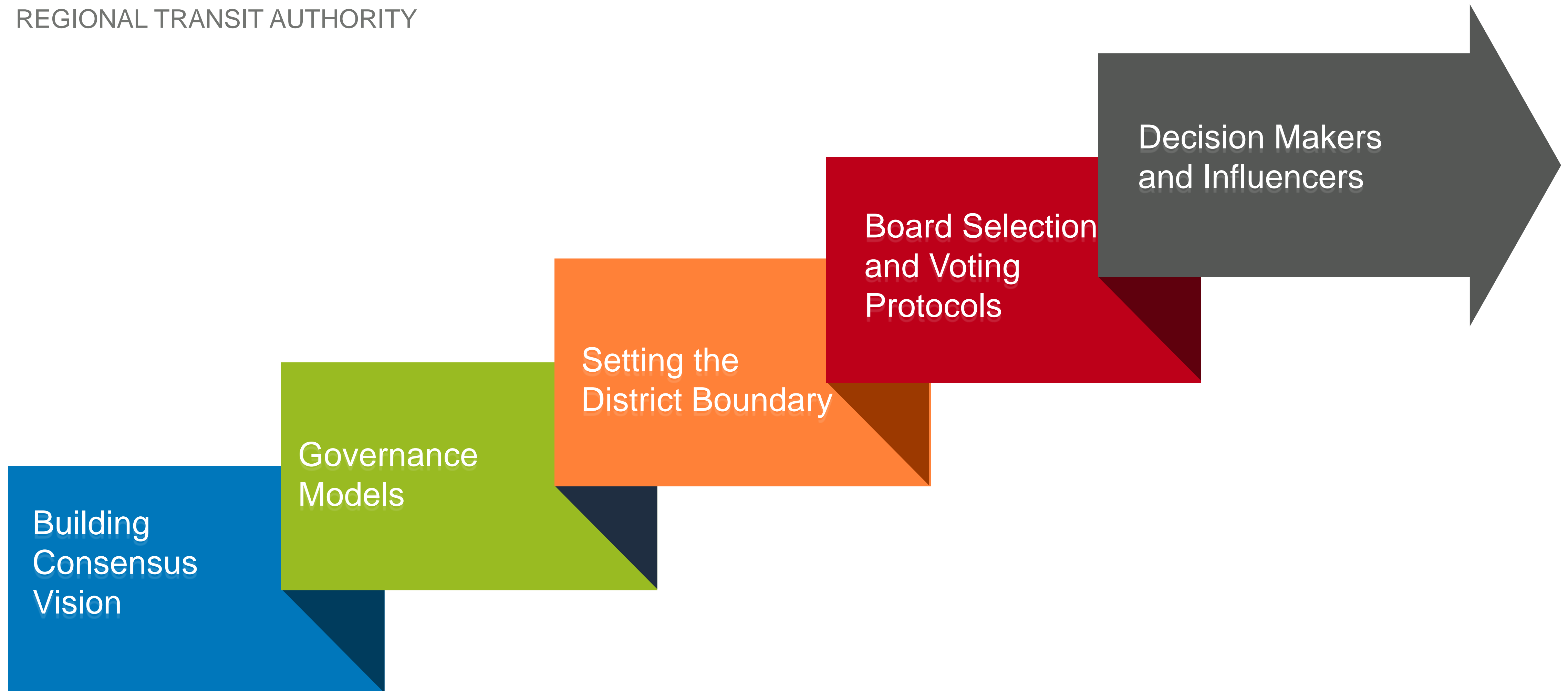
Steps to Creating a Regional Transit Authority

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

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BUILDING CONSENSUS VISION

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- Transit can be more effective when it is planned, organized, and operated with a regional perspective
- Transit service that is fragmented – not connected seamlessly – results in sub-optimal transit service
- For these reasons, demonstrated regionalism is essential for accessing federal discretionary funds

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What is in the tent?	Bus, regional bus, enhanced bus (BRT), commuter rail, new streetcar, existing streetcar, bike share, boats, or just unified brand
How big is the tent?	Setting the district boundary
Who will operate the things in the tent?	RTA, municipalities, third-parties
How will regional views be represented?	Elected, appointed, population based, member based, voting protocols

GOVERNANCE MODELS

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Dallas	RTA operates bus and LRT Third-party operates CR
Phoenix	Unified public brand RTA coordinates bus service; cities operate bus RTA operates rail service
Portland	RTA operates buses, LRT, CR Third party operates streetcar
San Diego	Regional organization allocates funding Regional organization does all capital project development Operations done by two government entities
Salt Lake City	RTA operates all modes: bus, LRT, CR, streetcar
Detroit	RTA coordinates bus operations RTA to operate future CR (if funded) Third-party operates streetcar

SETTING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY

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- Legislation authorizes creation of a regional district out of any combination of cities, towns, or counties, either equal to or less than the entirety of their boundaries

Is there value in having boundary coterminous with urbanized area?

- Legislation authorizes authority to be governed by representatives of those cities creating the authority

Will communities without representation be less supportive of funding referendum?

If they uniformly resist, what will the impact be on the referendum passing?

What does the polling suggest?

BOARD SELECTION AND VOTING PROTOCOLS

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Dallas • District Model	Appointment of 15 by members based on population; no single member can appoint more than 65%	One member one vote; supermajority required to issue debt; pledge assets; approve budget; major service change; distributing revenues
Phoenix • City Model	Appointment of 16 by members – every member gets an appointment; all elected officials	One person one vote; can request weighted vote; weighting based on portion of population; Phoenix max weighting at 50% bus, 40% rail
Portland • State Model/City Department Model	Seven member TriMet board appointed by Governor (no elected officials) to represent a geographic district within transit region; streetcar governed by city transportation department (city employees)	TriMet one person one vote; Streetcar decision on service and funding require agreement of both TriMet and City

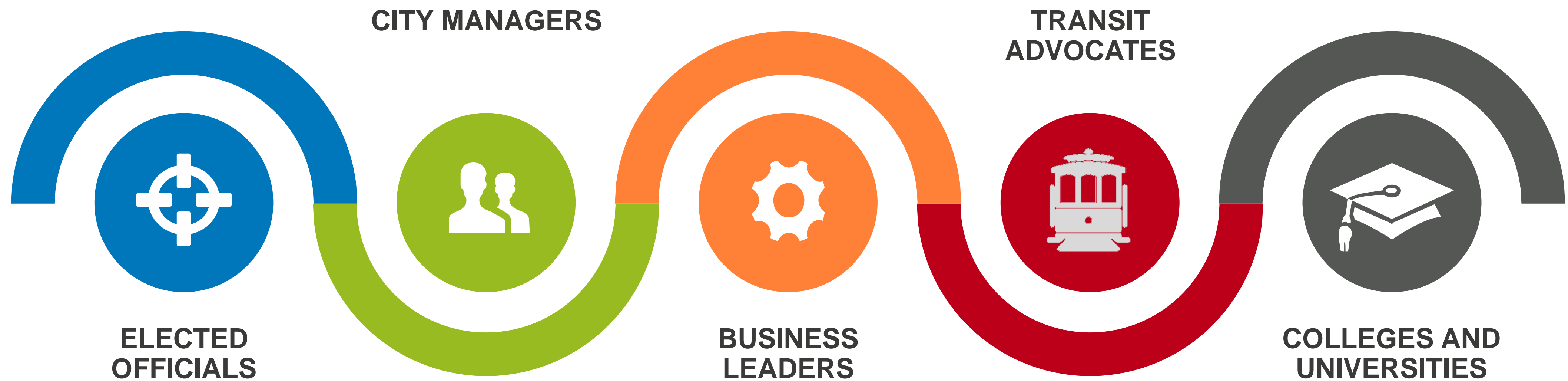
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San Diego • City Model	Appointment of 15 members based on membership; each members gets an appointment w/San Diego getting two	Tally (majority) vote and weighted vote on demand; Tally vote counts the votes of each member with San Diego getting two votes; Weighted vote by population with San Diego limited to 50%; weighted vote approval requires vote of at least 3 jurisdictions and not less than 51%
Salt Lake City • District Model	Eleven members appointed by elected officials of city/county; 4 members appointed by state. No elected officials	One person one vote; budget requires unanimous approval
Detroit • County Model	Nine voting members appointed by city/county officials; 1 nonvoting member appointed by governor. No elected officials; must have identified skills or experience	One person one vote; Super majority required to determine tax rate and put on ballot; acquire existing streetcar; acquire, construct, or operate CR; Unanimous vote required to acquire transit provider; assume liability of transit provider

DECISION MAKERS AND INFLUENCERS

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QUESTIONS?