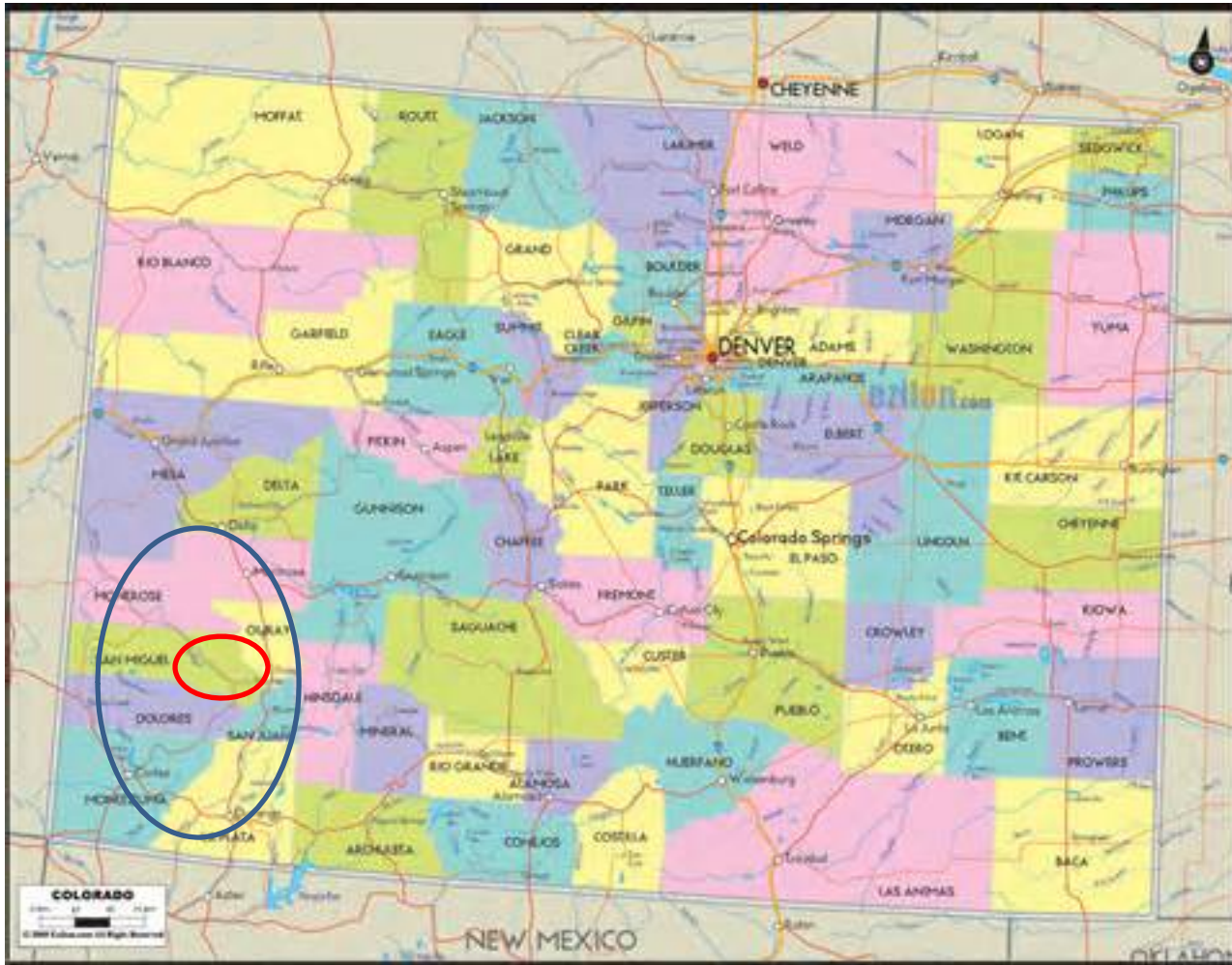
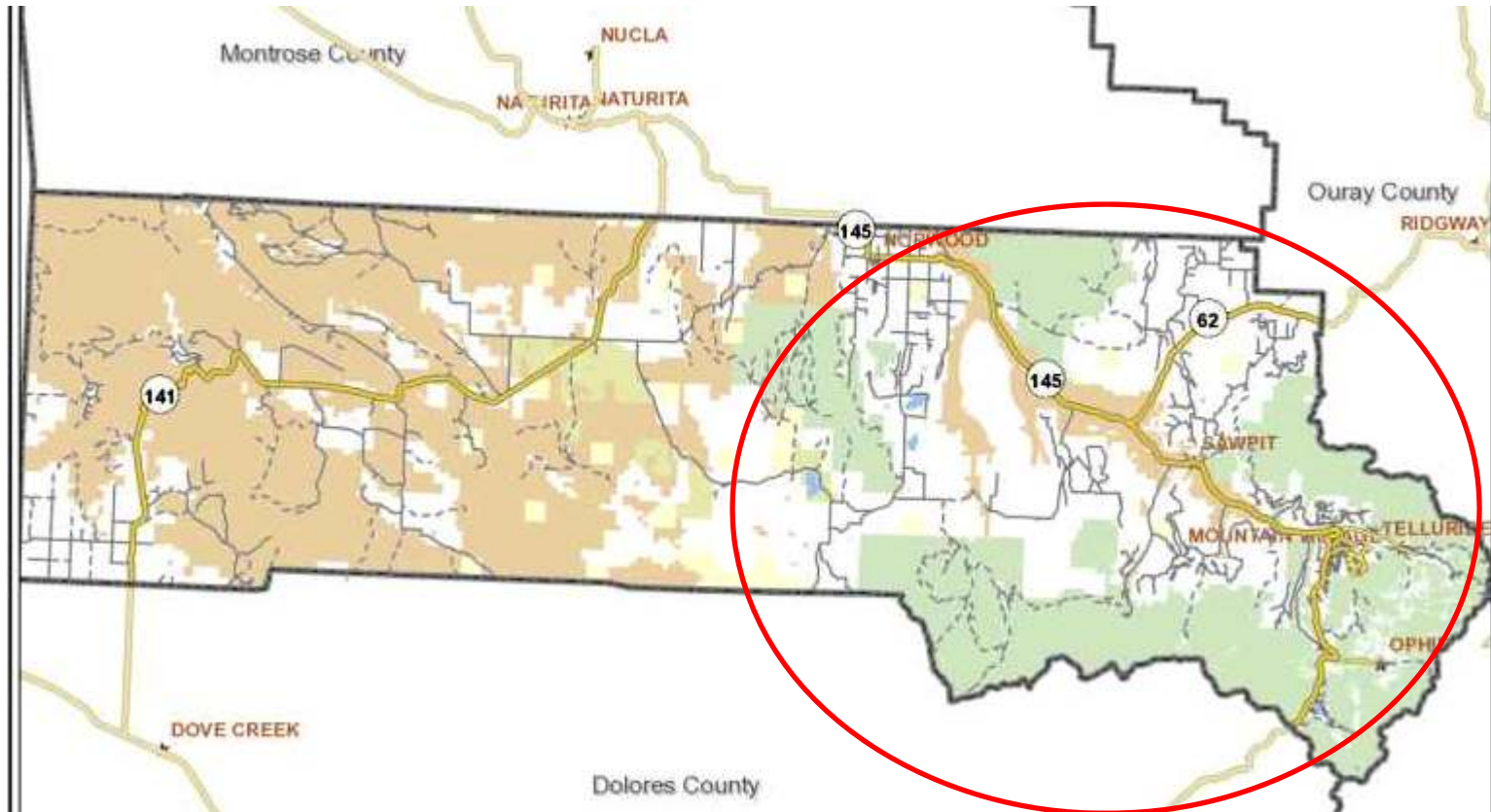
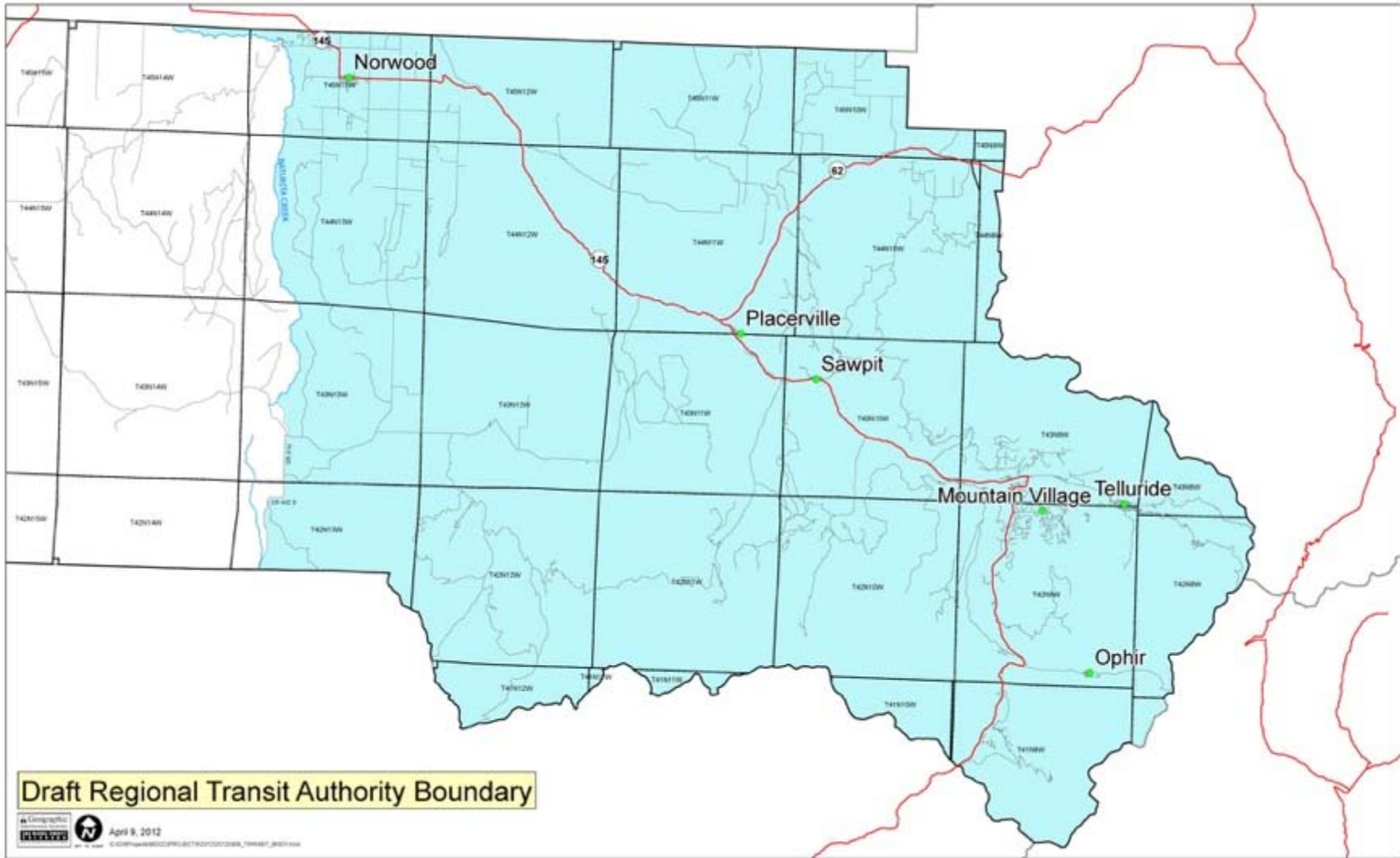


SMART=San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation









Draft Regional Transit Authority Boundary

Why is Public Transit Important?

- **Cuts traffic & demands on parking**
- **Improves regional air quality**
- **Reduces regional GHG emissions**
- **Important for economic development**
- **Provides an affordable mobility alternative to personal vehicles.**

Why a Regional Transit Authority?

- **Improved leverage for transit grants**
- **Increased efficiency, (i.e. consolidate staff and reduce service redundancy)**
- **Provide a single stream of public information (transit schedules, website, and marketing)**
- **Merged leadership & expertise**
- **Coordinated transit & infrastructure planning**
- **Other communities can join after established.**

What is an RTA?

- Allowed under Colorado State statute with voter approval
- Can include ground transit, trails, rail, aviation, roads, aerial tramway, and related infrastructures such as park-and-ride or parking lots.
- Boundary of an RTA can be a portion of a county and can cross county lines.
- RTA board has one elected official from each Member jurisdiction.

HOW We Did It

- Decades of prior efforts ... unsuccessful
 - Community volunteer task force
 - Years of data collection identified challenges
 - Little political will to advance a solution that involved the entire region ... it's (mostly) working internally
- Facilitated year-long process
 - All elected officials from all 3 jurisdictions
 - Administrators from all 3 jurisdictions
 - Professional facilitator
 - Thumbs up?
 - Agreement on principles first, then details

HOW We Did It

- Major points of agreement
 - Inter-governmental approach ... leave the internal transit systems alone for now
 - Start small and expand later (RFTA model)
 - Spread tax burden across users – mixed sales tax and property tax
 - Keep taxation in line with anticipated needs
 - Our gondola is NOT part of the initial RTA