# Bitmask Route Target & Route Target Constrains Extension

draft-zzhang-idr-bitmask-route-target draft-zzhang-idr-bgp-rt-constrains-extension

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### Bitmask RT Idea

- Two Bitmask RTs match if the result of logical AND operation of the bitmasks is not zero
  - Used to control route importation and propagation (using RTC)
- Use case: targeted distribution of Flexible Algorithm information
  - Controllers provisioned with Administrative Groups (colors) information for links and advertise BGP-LS southbound Link NLRIs, carrying a Bitmask RT
  - Bitmask encodes the link's Administrative Groups
    - Link AGs previously encoded as a bitmask in Administrative Groups TLV in BGP-LS Attribute
  - If a router cares about a link with a particular AG, it sets the corresponding bit in locally configured Bitmask RT to pull (using RTC) and import the link NLRI

## The Format

- BGP Community Container
  - New type for BitMask RT
  - GA & LA also need to match

## Route Target Constrains Extension

- RTC originally designed for Extended Community based RTs
  - Would not work for IPv6 Address Specific RTs
- Draft-ietf-idr-bgp-ipv6-rt-constrain extends RTC to support IPv6 Address Specific RTs
  - When the prefix is not more than 12 octets, can't tell if the RT part is a partial IPv6 Address Specific RT or a full/partial AS/IPv4 Address Specific RT
    - Could have used AFI 2 to address this problem
  - Would not work for more types of RTs, e.g. Bitmask RT
- Proposed Solution
  - Define a new SAFI for general RTC membership

## "Extended Route Target constrains" SAFI NLRI

- "Path Attr Type" in NLRI identifies the type of Route Target
  - 16 (Extended Community) for EC-based RTs
  - 25 (IPv6 Address Specific Extended Community) for IPv6 Address Specific RTs
  - 34 (BGP Community Container Attribute) for any RT defined as a BGP Community Container (e.g. BitMask RT).

### The Asks

Seek comments

- While the new SAFI also works for IPv6 Address Specific RTC, no intention to replace draft-ietf-idr-bgp-ipv6-rt-constrain
  - Given its current status and possible implementation/deployment
  - A side question what if draft-ietf-idr-bgp-ipv6-rt-constrain use AFI 2?