

Colorado's rail systems are a critical component of our multimodal transportation system that enhance mobility and advance economic vitality for all Coloradans

Ensure that Colorado's rail systems are **SAFE** and **SECURE**

EXPAND and **IMPROVE** Colorado's rail systems for passengers and freight

Provide users and travelers with greater **MOBILITY** and **CONNECTIVITY** options

PRESERVE and **MAINTAIN** critical corridors and infrastructure to support Colorado's rail systems

Advance **ECONOMIC VITALITY** and **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** of Colorado's communities and regions

Our Priority Strategies

Advance Front Range Passenger Rail



- Support the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
- Integrate findings of relevant studies to identify consensus potential future Front Range passenger rail alignments
- Document future capacity considerations and constraints on potential passenger rail corridors
- Develop and maintain priority list of mobility, connectivity and accessibility improvements needed to improve existing passenger rail service and/or support future service

Strengthen Rail Coordination



- Continue to develop partnerships and consultation with public and private rail operators
- Support efforts to ensure full implementation of positive train control
- Coordinate with partners to identify and fund safety, security, and crossing needs
- Support and participate in joint efforts to improve safety and security

Integrate Planning Processes



- Consider guidelines or directives that integrate freight and passenger rail issues and needs into CDOT planning processes
- Develop program for freight-focused workshops or summits to connect local and regional planning partners with industry
- Establish process to share information with local planning partners and the public on outcomes of freight and passenger rail studies
- Craft information, policies, or guidelines to better align local decision-making and statewide rail priorities

Enhance Economic Connections



- Develop ongoing coordination processes and communication channels with economic organizations and planning partners
- Quantify regional trade relationships and commodity flows and apply findings to customize transportation plans
- Support state and regional economic development and education partners in evaluating and responding to freight and logistics workforce needs and labor supply
- Develop a statewide export, manufacturing, and trade and logistics transportation strategy

Address Freight Rail Needs and Issues



- Develop inventory of short-line rail service constraints
- Design and develop a freight railroad assistance program
- Continue coordination with Class I railroads to identify planned or needed improvements
- Identify potential projects that address rail-related infrastructure constraints or rail access and connectivity improvements
- Expand SB37 abandonment reporting process to identify additional rail-related infrastructure at risk

Our Action Plan

Ongoing Education and Communications

Implementation and Continuous Planning

