



DATE: April 20th, 2022
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: March 23rd - April 20th Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

Rail Commission Administration

- Finalize and distribute March 25th draft rail commission meeting minutes and April 22nd Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Invoice Processing
- FRA Grant Reporting
- Rail Commission meeting
- Coordinate with appropriate CDOT staff to monitor state legislative impacts
- La Junta Route Restoration Program Kickoff Meeting

Rail Commission Transition

- Coordinate with Legislative staff on MPO/COG and Governor appointees Senate confirmations
- Coordinate with Governor's Office on SB 238 requirements and appointees
- Onboarding Packet distribution
- Coordination with appointed District Board members for onboarding
- Facilitator Procurement

Public Involvement/Stakeholder Engagement

- Coordination on various efforts with Pueblo, Colorado Springs, LinkNoCo, Amtrak, BNSF and RTD
- FRA Coordination on grants, IIJA, and other items
- Amtrak coordination on studies, IIJA, and planning
- CRISI Grants: matching funds procurement processes
- Front Range Passenger Rail Website updates
- Thru-Car Alternatives Analysis Stakeholder Engagement Planning

Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities

Through Car Feasibility Study

- Coordination with Local Agency Station Area Planning
- Grant Administration & Contract Management
- Execute CDOT/BNSF MOU for data sharing
- Alternatives Development based on BNSF, UPRR and Amtrak feedback

Preliminary Service Development Planning & Alternatives Analysis

- Consultant Services Evaluation Process
- Obtain FRA Grant Award
- Data gathering on existing environmental conditions
- Collaborate with RTD on interoperability with NWR Peak Service

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of April 20th, 2022

Income

SB 18-01, July 2018	\$2,500,000
SB 21-260, February 2022	\$14,500,000

Expenses

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Salary/Benefits	\$0	\$58,651	\$247,049	\$193,624	\$67,286	\$566,610
Operating Costs	\$0	\$930	\$392	\$0	\$125	\$1,447
Professional Services	\$13,095	\$3,980	\$1,135,891	\$368,209	\$108,455	\$1,629,631
<i>HDR</i>			\$1,087,281	\$362,793	\$50,534	
<i>WSP USA INC</i>	\$13,095	\$3,980	\$24,110	\$0	\$7,922	
<i>CDR</i>					\$24,999	
<i>PEAK Consulting</i>					\$24,999	
<i>Ridder Braden</i>			\$24,500			
<i>States for Passenger Rail Coalition</i>				\$5,416	\$7,500	
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Total	\$13,095	\$63,561	\$1,383,333	\$661,834	\$175,866	\$2,297,688

Committed Future Expenses:

Pledged Match for Potential 2019 CRISI Grant App. (Thru Car Study)	\$159,000
Pledged Match for 2020 CRISI Grant application (RTC modeling & complete SDP)	\$25,000
Pledged Match for 2021 RAISE Grant application	\$20,000
Membership to "States for Passenger Rail Coalition" (2022)	\$7,500
Pledged Match for Service Development Plan	\$1,620,000
La Junta Route Restoration Program	\$12,000,000
	\$13,831,500
Available	\$1,370,812

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through April 19 th , 2022	\$ 725,678.83
Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT	\$ 24,321.17