



DATE: April 21st, 2021
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: March 26th - April 21st Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Finalize and distribute March 26th draft rail commission meeting minutes and April 23rd Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Execute MOU with CDOT
- Public Involvement presentations to: Commuting Solutions Membership Meeting, Broomfield Transportation Forum, and On The Rails with Forrest Whitman
- Prepared/Coordinated for Amtrak Media Roundtable
- Coordination workshop with BNSF, Amtrak, and RTD staff
- FRA Monthly Coordination on CRISI Grants
- Meeting with RTD staff and others to discuss RTD collaboration
- Meetings with various stakeholders to discuss FRPR legislation and upcoming studies
- Drafted and Edited Cooperation Agreement between the Rail Commission, RTD, and CDOT
- Through Car Alternatives Analysis administrative tasks

Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Through Car Study - Grant Initiation, Document Controls, Budget and encumber matching funds, Initiate task order with AECOM
- Prepare draft P&N in response to last month's Rail Commission discussion
- Execute MOU with Rail Commission
- Update Mobility Hub/Best Bus land use scenarios and assumptions
- Produce meeting minutes for Corridor Coalition
- Media Support
- Subject matter scoping and prep for RTD and Amtrak technical collaboration

Upcoming meetings/public involvement events

- SB21-238 Hearing 4/27
- FRA Coordination 4/26
- NFRMPO Planning Council 5/6
- Greeley City Council TBD

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of April 21st, 2021

Income

Senate Bill 1, July 2018 \$2,500,000

Expenses (commitments)

Salaries/Benefits (est.)	\$ 506,000
HDR Contract for Alternatives Analysis/ Stakeholder Engagement/ Pre-NEPA	\$1,307,514.69
Pledged Match for 2018 CRISI grant for PTC	\$ 100,000
WSP contract to write 2019 CRISI App. for Thru-car Study	\$ 24,465
October 2019 "Survey for Front Range Passenger Rail"	\$ 24,500
Pledged Match for Potential 2019 CRISI Grant App. (Thru Car Study)	\$ 159,000
Membership to "States for Passenger Rail Coalition" (2020)	\$ 5,416
Membership to "States for Passenger Rail Coalition" (2021)	\$ 5,000
Pledged Match for 2020 CRISI Grant application (RTC modeling & complete SDP)	\$ 25,000
Proposed funds for licenses for Project website and Project database mgmt. from HDR	\$ <u>650</u> (estimated)
	\$2,157,545.69
Available	\$342,454.31

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through April 21st, 2021 \$ 488,204

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 261,795