



DATE: August 25th, 2021
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: July 21st - August 25th Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Finalize and distribute July 23rd draft rail commission meeting minutes and August 27th Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Coordinating Rail Commission/District Outreach to MPO/COGs, counties, municipalities, and other stakeholders
 - Presentations given to NFRMPO and PPACG
- Finalize RTD/CDOT/Rail Commission Cooperation Agreement
- Coordinate with CDOT and Amtrak staff on outreach efforts
- District Transition: Rail Commission Final Report procurement
- Monitor Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Working Group efforts
- CRISI 2020 Funding Augmentation Request

Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities

- FRA Coordination - Met with Development team to identify ways to streamline federal decision making process
- Stakeholder Coordination - Present to municipalities and special interest groups
- RTD, BNSF and Amtrak Technical Collaboration including modeling, engineering, planning, environmental, operations, communications, PM
- District Transition Scenario Planning: Identify and request staffing and funding needs based on risk register
- Through Car Study - Grant administration, Project Deliverables under development include Project Management Plan, Purpose & Need, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Existing Conditions

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of August 25th, 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	\$650 (estimated)
Pledged Match for 2021 RAISE Grant application	\$20,000
Final Report Contract	<u>\$25,000</u>
	\$2,202,545.69
Available	\$297,454.31

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through August 25, 2021 \$ 558,189.31

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 191,810.69