
PTC Installation for the Amtrak Southwest Chief on BNSF Railway through Colorado and Kansas – Status Meeting #3

Date Held: Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Time Held: 2:00 – 2:30 PM Mountain Time
Location: by Phone Conference
Invitees / Attendees ✓ = attended

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| ✓ Karla Bloch, FRA – SW Region Manager | Amanda Ciampolillo, FRA Environmental |
| Mariam Ouhamou, FRA Grants Mgr. | Seema Javeri, FRA Area Engineer |
| Lyle Leitelt, FRA Community Planner | Matthew Lora, FRA Grants Specialist |
| ✓ Jim Blair, Amtrak Host Railroads | ✓ Kyle Montgomery, Amtrak Host Railroads |
| ✓ Danielle Impellizeri, Amtrak | Chris Jagodzinski, Amtrak Operations |
| ✓ Rich Wessler, BNSF, Passenger Ops | ✓ Katie Maurer, BNSF Ops/Finance |
| ✓ Brad Bealmeear, BNSF Signal Engr. | Gerald, BNSF |
| ✓ David Krutsinger, CDOT – Project Mgr | Alan Brozovich, CDOT-Agreements |
| ✓ Shannon Ford, CDOT – R2 Environmental | Rob Frei, CDOT – R2 Environmental |
| Megan Kelly, CDOT – Contracts | Sharon Terranova, CDOT – Planning |
| Rob Martindale, CDOT – Construction/RR | Randy Grauberger, SWC&FRPRC |
| ✓ John Maddox, KDOT – Project Manager | Eddie Dawson, KDOT – Rail Projects |

Additional Copies:

Agenda:

- Introduction & Welcome
- Environmental / Categorical Exclusion Status
- Grant Agreements / Contracts / Funding Commitments Status
- Engineering Design Status
- Summary / Next Steps

Introduction & Welcome of Participants

- The meeting was called to order and a roll-call attendance was taken to identify all participants on the call based on the first meeting.

Categorical Exclusion

- The CDOT and KDOT environmental teams have been working hard.
- A meeting was held July 3rd to cover some details for both environmental teams.
- CDOT and KDOT teams provided their draft Cat Ex materials 7/17 and 7/10, respectively.
- David has integrated the two teams' information as of today and will send for review.
- FRA agreed that they do not want to receive draft materials until all others have done review and the full Cat Ex document is ready to be transmitted to FRA.
- Target schedule is:
 - David sends draft Cat Ex 7/23,
 - Reviews are completed by BNSF, CDOT, KDOT by 7/30

- David compiles reviews and transmits Cat Ex to FRA by Wednesday 7/31
- FRA expects an approximately one month turn-around, Friday 8/30

Grant Agreements / Contracts / Funding Commitments

- FRA transmitted a copy of the T&C, Scope of Work, Schedule, Budget, and Performance Measures to CDOT today.
- CDOT should review and edit in “track changes.” CDOT may return comments in pieces, rather than waiting to complete review of all sections.
- CDOT will have a draft of the agreement to send to the parties soon.
- [post call] Amtrak has re-thought their approach and thinks it will be faster to do two agreements, one with BNSF on standard terms, and one with CDOT for additional terms. In addition to efficiency, that will avoid “flow down” conflicts between Federal and State language.

Engineering

- FRA needs to sign-off on the Cat Ex before pre-award authority is granted. The authority will enable BNSF to incur costs, but billing/invoicing/reimbursement will not occur until the final FRA-CDOT agreement is signed.
- BNSF will complete engineering design as soon as possible, after the pre-award is given. The inability to invoice, until final agreement is signed, is agreeable to and understood by BNSF. It still helps the readiness for construction, and the ability to be ready to order materials upon full award.

Summary / Next Steps

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- David compiles reviews and transmits Cat Ex to FRA by Wednesday 7/31
- Megan Kelly from CDOT will work with Amtrak, BNSF, KDOT, and SWC&FRPRC in the meanwhile.
- Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 27th, 2 PM Mountain Time.