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A new survey wants to know what people think about a future passenger rail service that would serve the state's most populous areas.

The Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission is exploring the level of interest for potential passenger rail service along the 173-mile Interstate 25 corridor between Fort Collins and Pueblo. In addition to asking what benefits such a service would bring, it is also examining how a passenger rail system could support the state's future growth and economy and benefit all Coloradans with a sustainable and reliable travel choice.

"As we begin our new planning effort, it's vital that we hear from the state's residents on what's important to them regarding possible, future passenger rail service," said Passenger Rail Commission Chair Jill Gaebler. "The survey is designed to help shape the conversation about passenger rail service along a corridor where nearly 85 percent of the state's residents live."

In the next 25 years, the Front Range is forecast to grow from 4.9 million people in 2020 to 6.6 million in 2045, a 35% increase.

The survey is using innovative technology to gather input on the origin and destination of Front Range travelers and their purpose for travel. Survey results will be used to focus the study on areas of importance, in terms of geography and the benefits to Front Range communities.

"We're going to utilize this survey over the next few months in order to shape the conversation around Front Range passenger rail," added Gaebler. "It'll likely be reiterated in another version sometime down the line, where we'll be seeking different answers to different questions. With everyone's help, passenger rail along the Front Range can help meet the demands of our growing state."

The survey is available at: <https://frontrangerail.metroquest.com/>