



DATE: December 8th, 2021
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: October 20th - December 8th Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Finalize and distribute October 22nd draft rail commission meeting minutes and December 10th Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Coordinating Rail Commission/District Outreach to MPO/COGs, counties, municipalities, and other stakeholders
- Coordinate with CDOT on Rail District transition
- District Transition:
- Rail Commission Final Report
 - Compiled and organized files and documents from Rail Commission efforts
 - Initiated Project
 - Revised and distributed online questionnaire
 - Conducted one-on-one interviews
- Coordination on various efforts with Pueblo, Colorado Springs, LinkNoCo, Amtrak, BNSF and RTD
- FRA Coordination on grants, IIJA, and other items
- CRISI Grants: matching funds procurement processes

Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities

- FRA Coordination - 2019 CRISI Grant, 2020 CRISI Grant
- Southwest Chief Grant Administration
 - 2019 CRISI Grant: Through Car Study - Grant administration, Project Deliverables under development include Project Management Plan, Purpose & Need, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Existing Conditions
 - 2020 CRISI Grant
 - TIGER IX
 - 2018 CRISI Grant (PTC Installation)
- User Experience Presentation
- 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

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of December 8th, 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	\$25,000
2021 Colorado Transportation Symposium Registration	<u>\$375</u>
	\$2,202,920.69

Available

\$297,079.31

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through November 30th, 2021 \$ 628,770.59

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 121,229.41