

Project Director's Report

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For October 26 – December 3, 2020

Key SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Finalize and distribute October 23rd Commission meeting draft minutes and December 4th agenda packet.
- Issued RFP for the Rail Commission's 2019 CRISI Grant for the SW Chief Thru-car Alternatives Analysis. Schedule and Budget have been approved. Conducted training for the panel members that will review Consultant Team Proposals and interview short listed Teams in January.
- Rail Commission staff participated in kick-off meeting with FRA staff for the 2020 CRISI Grant for preliminary Rail Passenger Service Development Planning and Rail Simulation Modeling. Scope of work, schedule and budget will be updated and review comments from FRA. These are critical planning steps for FRPR prior to the Project entering into NEPA. Working with FRA to set up Rail Commission access to "Grant Solutions" accounts for future federal grant applications.
- PowerPoint presentations to RTD Board (presentation by Bill Van Meter), Department of Local Affairs senior staff, City and County of Denver staff.
- Meetings with BNSF and RTD re: potential partnership opportunities between FRPR and RTD commuter rail corridors.
- Meeting with CDOT Budget office to move remaining Rail Commission funds into State FY 22.
- Interviews with Salida Radio station and reporters for FRPR articles in Castle Pines Connections and Denver Post opinion piece.
- Met with CDOT Policy Office staff to finalize Rail Commission support letter to Front Range Corridor stakeholders. Letters expected to go out after Special Legislative Session the week of December 7.
- Participated in TIGER 9 and CRISI PTC implementation calls with funding partners. Both Projects are underway.
- Reviewed and commented on California High Speed Rail Commission staff PowerPoint presentation for 12/4 Rail Commission meeting.
- Meetings with HDR team regarding review of Draft "Implementation Brochure" and preliminary Cost Estimates for FRPR.
- FRPR Presentation to States for Passenger Rail Coalition Fall Membership Meeting call on October 28th.
- Participated in two meetings related to formation of a North Rocky Mountain/Greater Northwest Rail Commission

Upcoming meetings / presentations

- December 8 – Presentation to Longmont City Council
 - December Meeting with Class I Railroads – Date TBD
 - January – Date TBD – Joint Rail Commission/CDOTR Transportation Commission “Happy Hour”
 - January 8 – Presentation to Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC)
 - January 22 – SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting
 - January 25 – Greeley Transportation Advisory Board
 - February 3 – Presentation to Aurora Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
 - February Date TBD – FRPR Corridor Coalition Meeting
 - February 26 - SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting
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SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of December 1, 2020

Income

Senate Bill 1, July 2018	\$2,500,000
Additional FY 2021 Legislative appropriation eligible to be spent in FY 21.	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
	\$2,600,000

Expenses (commitments)

2 years of Salaries/Benefits for Project Dir. and Comm. Liaison (est.)	\$ 500,000
HDR Contract for Alternatives Analysis/ Stakeholder Engagement/ Pre-NEPA	\$1,500,000
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) TBD	\$ 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 (estimated)	<u>\$ 651</u>
	\$2,344,032
Available	\$255,968

Update on HDR Contract (\$1,500,000)

Invoiced through October 24, 2020	\$1,365,712.43
Remaining \$134,277.57 to be expended by end of December	

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment to date Sept. 2019 - through October, 2020	\$ 388,766
Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT	\$ 361,234