



DATE: February 23rd, 2022
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: January 26th - February 23rd Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

Rail Commission Administration

- Finalize and distribute January 28th draft rail commission meeting minutes and February 25th Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Invoice Processing

Rail Commission Transition

- Coordinate with CDOT on Rail District transition
- Monitored MPO/COGs District Appointments
- Coordinating with Governor's Office on SB 238 requirements and appointees
- Rail Commission Final Report
 - Compiled and organized files and documents from Rail Commission efforts
 - Reviewed and Edited Draft Report
- Began compiling documents and items for Onboarding Packet

Public Involvement/Stakeholder Engagement

- 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
- Front Range Passenger Rail Website audit
- Presented at AASHTO Council on Rail panel regarding Corridor Identification and Development Program

Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities

Through Car Feasibility Study

- Coordination with Local Agency Station Area Planning
- Grant Administration
- Contract Management
- Execute Class 1 Agreements
- Data Sharing with BNSF, UPRR, Amtrak
- Ridership Modeling

Preliminary Service Development Planning & Alternatives Analysis

- Finalize Scope of Work/RFP
- Finalize Grant Award
- Data gathering on existing environmental conditions
- Update Program Risk Register
- Collaborate with RTD on interoperability with NWR Peak Service

General Administration

- Administer 2018 CRISI Grant (SWC PTC)
- Prepare for interagency agreement with Rail District to clarify roles and responsibilities
- Draft comments for proposed passenger rail rulemaking

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of February 23rd, 2022

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	\$375
Membership to "States for Passenger Rail Coalition" (2022)	<u>\$7,500</u>
	\$2,210,420.69

Available

\$289,579.31

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through February 11th, 2022 \$ 678,633.58

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 71,366.42