

Project Director's Report (Dec. 4, 2020 - Jan. 20, 2021)

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**Key SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities**

- Finalize and distribute December 4<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting draft minutes and January 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda packet.
- Reviewed five consultant team proposals for the Rail Commission's 2019 CRISI Grant for the SW Chief Thru-car Alternatives Analysis. Shortlisted to 3 teams. Interviews scheduled for the last week in January.
- Rail Commission staff and CDOT project team members participated in follow-up meeting with FRA for the 2019 and 2020 CRISI grants.
- PowerPoint presentations to Boulder's Board of County Commissioners, ColoRail Annual meeting, Jefferson County Transportation Advisory Group, Johnstown City Council, TRAC, Longmont City Council.
- Follow-up meeting with Berthoud Mayor and City Staff.
- Scheduled meeting (early February) with BNSF and RTD re: potential partnership opportunities between FRPR and RTD commuter rail corridors.
- Finalized and distributed Rail Commission support letter to Front Range Corridor stakeholders following special Legislative Session the week of December 7.
- Meetings with HDR team regarding review of Draft "Leave Behind" document. Revised based on Rail Commissioner comments and re-distributed final draft for final comments.
- Meetings with HDR related to transferring remaining documents and files to Rail Commission staff.
- Participated in two meetings related to formation of a North Rocky Mountain/Greater Northwest Rail Commission.
- Email to State Senator Faith Winter and Rep. Matt Gray regarding update on Rail Commission and FRPR activities. Follow-up meeting with staff and leadership of Rail Commission and Andy Karsian requested by Rep Gray (meeting date TBD).
- Bi-weekly planning meetings with CDOT staff related to upcoming (March) Corridor Coalition meeting.
- Call with Amtrak's Rob Eaton related to setting up a February call with Governor's office, staff and leadership of Rail Commission, and CDOT to discuss Amtrak's reauthorization proposal that could bring \$2.1 billion of 100% federal funding to a proposed 3 round trips per/day Colorado Amtrak service between Pueblo and Fort Collins.
- Finalize Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)s and post to FRPR project website
- Work with CDOT Project Team on development of Risk Register related to FRPR project

### **Upcoming meetings / presentations**

- January 25 – Greeley Transportation Advisory Board
- February 11 - Presentation to American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- February 16 – Presentation to States for Passenger Rail (SPRC) Winter meeting
- February 26 - SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting
- February Date TBD – Amtrak Call with Governor’s office, Rail Commission and CDOT related to Amtrak’s Re-authorization proposal
- February / March – Date TBD – Joint Rail Commission/CDOTR Transportation Commission “Happy Hour”
- March 3 – Presentation to Aurora Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
- March Date TBD – FRPR Corridor Coalition Meeting
- March 26 - SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting

## SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of January 20, 2021

### 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) <b>TBD</b>	\$ 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>
	<b>\$2,344,032</b>

**Available** **\$255,968**

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### Update on HDR Contract (\$1,500,000) HDR Team work effort has been completed.

Invoiced through October 24, 2020	\$1,408,426.69
Remaining <b>\$91,5733.31</b> to be invoiced.	

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Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through December, 2020	\$ 441,627
Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT	\$ 308,373

(updated information through December unavailable from CDOT as of January 20<sup>th</sup>)