

Project Director's Report

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For December 16, 2019 to January 23, 2020

Key SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Provided Front Range Passenger rail project update to CDOT's Transit and Rail Advisory Committee on January 10.
- Participated in 2nd round of Segment Coalition meetings January 21 – 23 in Loveland, Denver and Pueblo.
- Finalize and distribute December 13 Commission meeting draft minutes and January 24th Agenda packet.
- Met with HDR to discuss schedule and budget in light of decision to NOT move forward with any Front Range Rail related legislation.
- Met with CDOT Executive Management Team to discuss ongoing Rail Commission funding options
- Participated in January 13 meeting with Project team and FRA, FTA, and FHWA regarding Front Range Passenger Rail Project.
- Represented Commission at "Build Together" Press Conference in Pueblo on December 20. "Build Together" is a national organization promoting the rebuilding of America's infrastructure.
- Forwarded letter to Amtrak regarding the Commission's desire to participate in developing a long-range plan for the Southwest Chief and to host initial meeting with Amtrak, BNSF, Kansas and New Mexico.
- Attended project team meetings with Consultant and CDOT project team members for Communications Committee, Policy Committee, and Project Development Committee.
- Participated in Project team interviews with representatives of the following: Denver Economic Development Council, I 70 Mountain Corridor Coalition, Colorado Springs Chamber, Longmont, Jefferson County Transportation Action & Advocacy Group, Niwot Town Board, DRCOG, Fort Collins Chamber, Air Force Academy, CDOT Region 4 (Greeley)
- Attended presentations by Rocky Mountain Rail in Broomfield and Lafayette.
- Met with officials from Sky Tran, an organization interested in being the "technology" for Front Range mobility.
- Met with Castle Rock area landowner interested in I-25 Mobility Hub and passenger rail station on northbound Union Pacific Tracks just north of Castle Rock.
- Participated on conference call with States for Passenger Rail Coalition.

Upcoming meetings /presentations:

- January 27 – Governor's Transportation Funding Discussion meeting
- January 31 – Castle Rock
- February 3 – Denver International Airport
- February 4 – Colorado State University
- February 28 – Rail Commission meeting in Berthoud
- March 9 – Transportation Test Center / Assoc. of Amer. Railroads Conference in Colorado Springs