



DATE: July 21st, 2021
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: June 23rd - July 21st Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Finalize and distribute June 25th draft rail commission meeting minutes and July 23rd Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Coordinating Rail Commission/District Outreach to MPO/COGs, counties, municipalities, and other stakeholders
- Finalize language for RTD/CDOT/Rail Commission Cooperation Agreement
- Coordinate with CDOT and Amtrak staff on FRPR Public Information Planning efforts
- District Transition: Rail Commission Final Report planning
- SB21-238 Bill Signing
- Monitor Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Working Group efforts

Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Through Car Study - Grant Administration, project kickoff activities, Coordination with Pueblo and Colorado Springs on Station Area Planning
- Website Maintenance (FAQs, SWC)
- Media Outreach in conjunction with Amtrak
- RTD, BNSF and Amtrak technical collaboration including modeling, engineering, planning, environmental, operations, PM
- FRA coordination: resubmitted 2020 CRISI grant SOW revisions. Met with FRA leadership on ways to partner and develop pilot projects to streamline SDP.
- PPACG Amendment for FRPR program in unconstrained plan
- District Transition Scenario Planning: staffing and funding needs based on risk register

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of July 21st, 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	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

\$2,177,545.69

Available

\$322,454.31

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through May 30th, 2021 \$ 539,051.70

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 210,948.30