

Front Range Passenger Rail: Project Initiation

Project Initiation

- ▶ Who/How - Project Teams/ Roles and Responsibilities
- ▶ Where - Context Statement
- ▶ What - Purpose and Need

Project Teams (Potential)

Clarify roles and responsibilities. Provides expectations on how everyone participates and how decisions are made. Reduces the risk of delays or backtracking.

- ▶ Executive Oversight Committee: Considers political implications, steers project, helps set vision
- ▶ Project Leadership Team: Lead the process, enables decision making, champions the project, ideally 12-15 members
- ▶ Technical Teams: Multidisciplinary team that sets criteria, develops and evaluates alternatives, Local or technical expertise, considers and balances all values. Establishes methodologies, conducts analysis.
- ▶ Issue Task Forces: Focused on single issue (Stations, ROW, Historic, etc)

Context Statement

- ▶ *Brief* statement of the setting, the challenge and a shared vision.
 - ▶ Something that is true today and in thirty years
1. Significance of the Front Range
 2. Anticipate future growth and demands
 3. Desired for an integrated comprehensive multi-modal system
 4. Collaborate with stakeholders to create a legacy

Purpose and Need

- ▶ What is a Purpose and Need?
 - ▶ Provides the rationale & justification for undertaking. Generally, it provides a basis for developing and screening alternative transportation solutions.
- ▶ What is the difference between Purpose and Need?
 - ▶ The Purpose is a broad statement of the project's transportation objectives.
 - ▶ The Need identifies the problem that the project would address. The need provides evidence of an existing or future transportation condition, deficiency.

Purpose and Need

- ▶ Looks at planning level goals for future planning horizons (at least 20 years).
- ▶ Data will establish logical termini/study area
- ▶ Does not identify (predetermine) the solution
- ▶ Should be well defined and help refine the reasonable range of alternatives that will be analyzed to address the *transportation* problem.
- ▶ Alternatives that don't fully address P&N will be eliminated
- ▶ Goals/Objectives

(Potential) Purpose and Need

- ▶ Increase travel options
- ▶ Improve connectivity among modes
- ▶ Reduce congestion, VMT
- ▶ Reliable travel time
- ▶ Increase safety
- ▶ Meet future demand
- ▶ Improve system linkage
- ▶ Accommodate freight

Goals & Objectives/Other Benefits:

Improve air quality, economic benefits, support livable communities

Purpose and Need

- ▶ Public Involvement
- ▶ May evolve if new information or assumptions arise
- ▶ Involve federal agencies (ensure their regulations are met)

(Potential) Project Goals & Desired Outcomes

- ▶ Implementation (phasing) plan
 - ▶ Funding strategies
 - ▶ Governance (district/authority)
 - ▶ Timing
 - ▶ Decision-making (process)
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- ▶ All these products support public outreach & alternatives development
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- ▶ **Next Steps:** How would you like to participate on these materials over the summer?