



DATE: March 25th, 2022
TO: Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
FROM: Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison
SUBJECT: February 23rd - March 23rd Staff Report

Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

Rail Commission Administration

- Finalize and distribute February 23rd draft rail commission meeting minutes and March 25th Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Invoice Processing
- FRA Grant Reporting
- Coordination with congressional staff for Rail Commission meeting
- States for Passenger Rail Coalition Annual meeting
- Response formed for FRA's CIDP RFI
- Coordinate with appropriate CDOT staff to monitor state legislative impacts

Rail Commission Transition

- Coordinate with Legislative staff on MPO/COG appointees Senate confirmations
- Coordinate with Governor's Office on SB 238 requirements and appointees
- Onboarding Packet compilation
- Transition sub-committee meeting
- Coordination with appointed District Board members for onboarding

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
- Amtrak coordination on studies, IIJA, and planning
- CRISI Grants: matching funds procurement processes
- Front Range Passenger Rail Website updates
- Southwest Chief Stakeholder Engagement Initiation

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 and publish
- 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
- Submitted comments for proposed passenger rail rulemaking

SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

As of March 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)	\$7,500
Rail District Transition Facilitation	<u>\$24,640</u>
	\$2,235,060.69
Available	\$264,939.31

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through March 23rd, 2022 \$ 702,495.67

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 46,504.33