



**DATE:** May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**TO:** Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission  
**FROM:** Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** April 21<sup>st</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup> Staff Report

#### **Key Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities**

- Finalize and distribute April 23<sup>rd</sup> draft rail commission meeting minutes and May 28<sup>th</sup> Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Continue to develop Cooperation Agreement with RTD, CDOT, and the Rail Commission addressing NW Rail collaboration
- Public Involvement presentations to: NFRMPO Planning Council, Greeley City Council, ColoRail Board, Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Transportation Committee, Transportation Commission
- Monitor Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Working Group efforts
- Monitor SB 21-238

#### **Key CDOT/Rail Commission Staff Activities**

- Through Car Study - Grant Administration, Document Controls, project kickoff activities
- Rail Commission/ RC/ CDOT Northwest Rail MOU -Legal and Executive level review
- Subject matter scoping and prep for RTD, BNSF and Amtrak technical collaboration
- FRA coordination (Pre-NEPA & Environmental background) - Purpose and Need
- PPACG Amendment for FRPR program in unconstrained plan
- Revise Design Criteria
- Quarterly update of risk register
- Organize and deliver Transportation Commission luncheon with Rail Commission
- Coordination with Colorado Springs Rail Passenger Station team

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

As of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 \$ 20,000

**\$2,177,545.69**

### Available

**\$322,454.31**

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Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \$ 501,541.430

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 248,458.57