



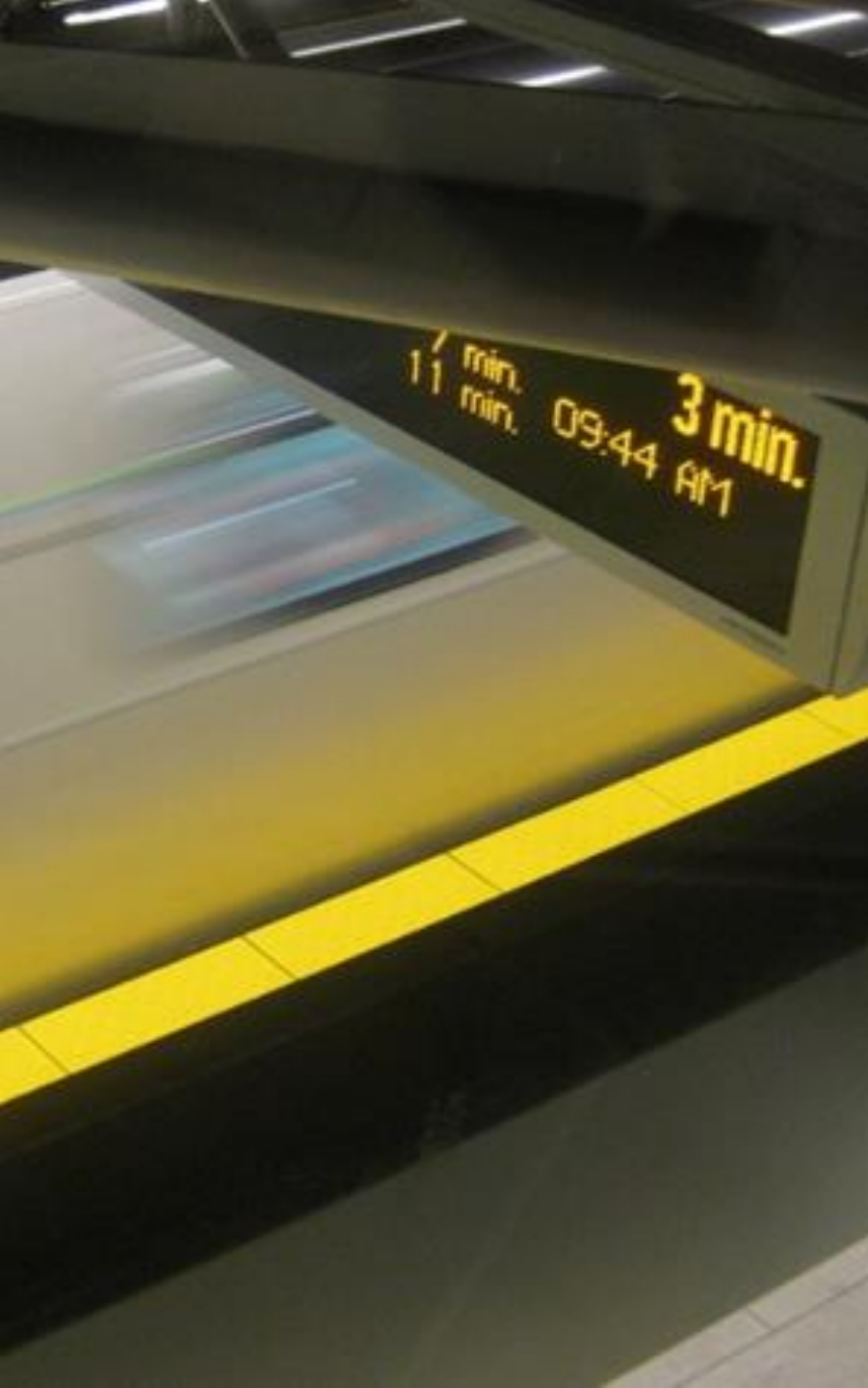
# Front Range Passenger Rail

## Pre-NEPA/SDP Update

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## USDOT (FHWA, FRA, FTA) Agency Coordination

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Concurrence on Major Milestones
- Frequency
- Resolving Disputes

## Draft Purpose Statement:

The purpose of Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) is to establish a **safe and reliable inter-city rail service** that **connects** Front Range population centers and regional destinations, increases system **capacity**, and adds **travel options**.



# Draft Transportation Needs

## Connect Colorado Front Range population centers and regional destinations

- Increasing population growth places pressure on our transportation system
- Need to maintain and foster state, regional, local economic competitiveness
- Greater inter-city access between housing and jobs as well as recreation, leisure
- Flexibility to construct future extensions or facilitate new connections to markets beyond the study area
- Advance legislative direction

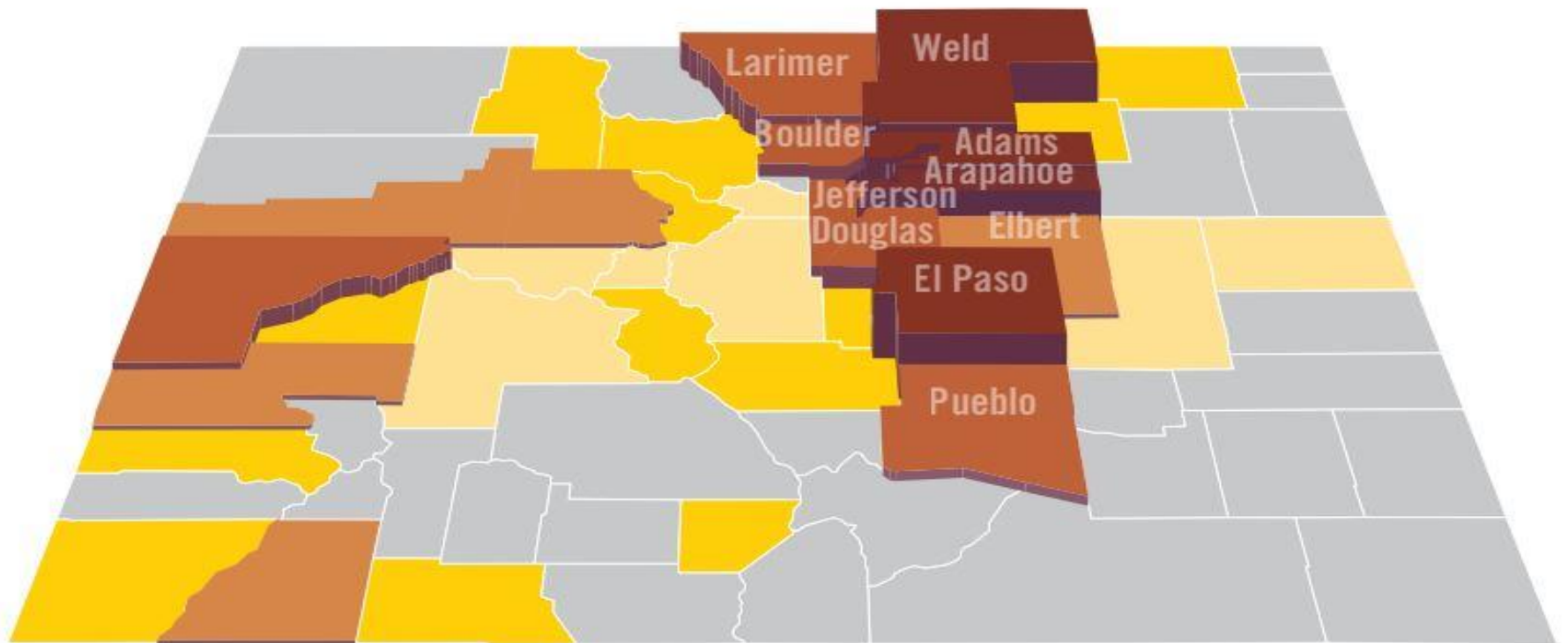
## Increase system capacity, safety and reliability

- Highway congestion is anticipated to substantially increase, negatively affecting quality of life
- Reduce need for additional investment in other modes (i.e. aging infrastructure)
- Integrate with (and do not preclude) freight-rail capacity and other corridor investments

## Add new travel options

- Flexible rail system with the ability to adapt to future technologies, modes, travel trends/behaviors
- Expand options for low-income and underserved communities
- Changing demand for auto as a mode in light of changing demographics and environmental concerns
- Cost effective (for rider and taxpayer)

# Projected Population Change By County: 2018-2050



Colorado State Demography Office, 11/2018

# Next Steps

- **Develop SDP elements through agency and stakeholder involvement:**
  - Purpose & Need (Fall)
  - Evaluation Criteria (Fall)
  - Develop and Evaluate Conceptual Alternatives (Winter-Spring)
    - Stations
    - Alignments
    - Service Characteristics (Operations, Technology, Frequency)

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