

Project Director's Report

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For September 16 to October 10, 2019

Key SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Activities

- Presentation to TLRC on September 16th.
- On October 4th, held Executive Summary (2-hour version) of Chartering Session for those Commissioners that were unable to attend the August 28 4-hour Chartering event.
- Finalize and distribute September 13th Commission meeting draft minutes.
- Attend *States for Passenger Rail* meeting (materials attached) in Hartford, Connecticut while attending AASHTO's Council on Rail Transportation Annual Meeting.
- Draft and distribute October 11th Commission meeting agenda and other meeting materials on October 4th and October 9th.
- Coordinated effort to get a survey consultant team on board to do a telephone survey related to Front Range Passenger rail to obtain results prior to October 11th Commission meeting.
- Began work on finalizing HDR Team TASK Order # 2 (Stakeholder Engagement, Service Development Plan, and Pre-NEPA).
- Set up October 21 meeting with FRA, FTA, and FHWA regarding Front Range Passenger Rail Project.
- Made four PowerPoint presentations at AASHTO Council on Rail Transportation in Hartford Connecticut, ColoRail in Fort Collins, North I-25 Coalition in Weld County and CDOT PE 2 Staff Annual meeting in Denver.
- Finalized Metro Quest Survey results after ending live survey on Sept. 30; 6,965 total responses.
- Interview with CBS 4 on October 8th.
- Reviewed Draft 2019 CRISI Grant application to USDOT for the Commission for a planning study for Amtrak thru-car service between La Junta, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs. Conversations with various partners regarding matching funds. Distributed template for letters of support. Application due date is October 18th, 2019.
- Attended project team meetings with Consultant and CDOT project team members for Communications Committee, Policy Committee, and SDP/Pre-NEPA Committee.

Future meetings /presentations:

- October 23, presentation to CDOT Environmental Managers Conference in Fort Collins
- October 24, presentation to North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) in Westminster
- October 28, Meeting with CDOT, BNSF, and Commission Staff re: Burnham Yard
- November 8, SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting in Denver
- November 12, 13, 14, 19 Segment Stakeholder Coalition Meetings (three of those four dates)
- Week of December 9 – initial Corridor Coalition Meeting
- December 13 Commission meeting in South Front Range Location

DEVELOPMENT GROWTH INTEGRATION

SPRC

States for Passenger Rail Coalition

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|| WHO WE ARE

The **STATES FOR PASSENGER RAIL COALITION (SPRC)** is an alliance of State and Regional Transportation Officials and Passenger Rail Authorities from across the United States who work together with a non-partisan approach to promote the **DEVELOPMENT** and **GROWTH** of Intercity Passenger Rail as part of an **INTEGRATED** national transportation network.

|| OUR MISSION

SPRC's mission is to promote the development, implementation and expansion of intercity passenger rail services with direct involvement and **SUPPORT** from State governments.

|| WHAT WE DO

SPRC keeps MEMBERS informed of the latest policies, funding opportunities and safety initiatives through:

- Regular News Updates
- Washington DC Insider Reports
- Monthly Current Events Forums
- Peer-to-Peer Information Exchanges
- Bi-Annual Meetings

SPRC SUPPORTS the collective interests of Member States on issues related to Passenger Rail. We maintain strong working relationships with:

- Congress
- Amtrak
- Federal Railroad Administration
- American Association of Railroads
- Surface Transportation Board

SPRC PROVIDES

- Educational materials and resources on industry initiatives.
- Project planning and assistance for the ongoing development of Passenger Rail Service.
- Input regarding reauthorization of Federal transportation and Grant programs, Amtrak, and Rail Safety initiatives.
- Monitoring and reports on Surface Transportation Board (STB) activities and actions of concern to Member States.
- Communication and coordination with industry organizations such as AASHTO, Northeast Corridor Commission, SAIPRC, NGEC, OneRail Coalition and RPA.



A RESPECTED **RESOURCE**

Congressional committees turn to **SPRC** for information, background and education on industry issues including:

- || Continued Federal Funding
- || Expedited Program Delivery
- || Environmental Streamlining

SPRC provides Congressional (House & Senate) briefing materials and testimony at hearings related to key rail issues affecting Member States.

SPRC develops educational materials for policy makers on state-related key industry issues affecting Member States.

All initiatives to identify areas of mutual interest, efforts to develop strategies to improve and expand Passenger Rail in and to Member States, and vehicles for outreach are vetted by the **SPRC** membership to ensure a collective and non-partisan approach.

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