



**DATE:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**TO:** Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission  
**FROM:** Spencer Dodge, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 20<sup>th</sup> Staff Report

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

- Finalize and distribute September 24<sup>th</sup> draft rail commission meeting minutes and October 22<sup>nd</sup> Rail Commission meeting agenda packet
- Coordinating Rail Commission/District Outreach to MPO/COGs, counties, municipalities, and other stakeholders
  - Presentation given to I-70 Corridor Coalition, DRCOG
- Prepared and presented at the Colorado Transportation Symposium
- Coordinate with CDOT on Rail District transition
- District Transition: Rail Commission Final Report procurement
  - Compiled and organized files and documents from Rail Commission efforts
- CRISI 2020 Funding Augmentation Request assistance
- Presented at S4PRC annual meeting
- Coordination on various efforts with Pueblo, Colorado Springs, LinkNoCo, Amtrak, BNSF and RTD

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

- FRA Coordination - 2019 CRISI Grant, 2020 CRISI Grant
- Southwest Chief Grant Administration
  - 2019 CRISI Grant: Through Car Study - Grant administration, Project Deliverables under development include Project Management Plan, Purpose & Need, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Existing Conditions
  - 2020 CRISI Grant
  - TIGER IX
  - 2018 CRISI Grant (PTC Installation)
- Funding Request Planning
- Amenities Memo Development
- Stakeholder Coordination - Present to municipalities and special interest groups
- RTD, BNSF and Amtrak Technical Collaboration including modeling, engineering, planning, environmental, operations, communications, PM
- District Transition Scenario Planning: Identify and request staffing and funding needs based on risk register

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

As of October 19<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  
Final Report Contract \$25,000  
2021 Colorado Transportation Symposium Registration \$375

**\$2,202,920.69**

### Available

**\$297,079.31**

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Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment through October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \$ 595,549.05

Amount remaining of \$750,000 committed by CDOT \$ 154,450.95