

Project Director's Report

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For September 25 – October 23, 2020

Key SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Staff Activities

- Finalize and distribute September 25th Commission meeting draft minutes and October 23rd agenda packet.
- Submitted Final Statement of Work to FRA for Thru-car Alternatives Analysis. Schedule and Budget have been approved. Working with CDOT Procurement to initiate RFP process. Met with 3 consulting teams in advance of release of RFP. Obligation of Grant agreement expected soon.
- Rail Commission staff notified that 2020 CRISI Grant application had been approved. Kick-off meeting being scheduled for late October. This \$548,000 federal Grant, and the \$137,000 in non-federal matching funds, will complete preliminary Rail Passenger Service Development Planning and Rail Simulation Modeling. These are critical steps prior to the FRPR Project entering into NEPA.
- Round 4 of Segment Stakeholder Coalition meeting summaries distributed.
- Meetings and PowerPoint presentations to US 36 Corridor Mayors and Commissioners Coalition, PPACG Board, Pro 15 Annual Membership Meeting, Loveland Transportation Advisory Board, CDOT Transportation Commission Workshop, and State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC).
- Calls with UP and BNSF re: comments on FRA's suggested edits to the Draft Statement of Work for the SW Chief Thru-car Study. Discussed setting up next meeting with Railroads prior to Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Participated in TIGER 9 and CRISI PTC implementation calls with funding partners. Both Projects are underway.
- Spoke with California High Speed Rail Commission staff to set up presentation to SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission at the meeting on December 4.
- Meeting with HDR team regarding review of Draft "Implementation Brochure" and preliminary Cost Estimates for FRPR.
- Prepared presentation for States for Passenger Rail Coalition Fall Membership Meeting call on October 28th.

Upcoming meetings / presentations

- October 23, 1 p.m. - City and County of Denver
 - October 28 – States for Passenger Rail Fall Meeting presentation
 - Meeting with RTD staff – November TBD
 - Meeting with Class I Railroads - TBD
 - December 4th - November/December Rail Commission meeting
 - December 8th – Longmont City Council
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SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Financial Report

REVISED As of October 22, 2020

Income

Senate Bill 1, July 2018 \$2,500,000

Expenses (commitments)

2 years of Salaries/Benefits for Project Dir. and Comm. Liaison (est.) \$500,000

HDR Contract for Service Development Plan / Pre-NEPA \$1,500,000

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" \$5,416

Pledged Match for 2020 CRISI Grant application (RTC modeling & complete SDP) \$25,000

\$2,338,381

Available to be spent \$161,619

Update on HDR Contract (\$1,500,000)

Invoiced through September \$1,286,483.01

Estimated CDOT staff dollar commitment to date through September \$ 340,000

At the projected "burn" rate, it is estimated that the HDR contract funds will be fully spent in December.

Meeting with JBC staff on September 23 to discuss FY 22 Rail Commission funding request:

- \$500,000 for 2 year staffing needs
- \$250,000 for Grant Match, surveys, States for Passenger rail membership, etc.
- \$10 million NEPA