

## Project Director's Report

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For August 12 to September 12, 2019

### **Key Activities**

- Participated in successful 4-hour Chartering Session with Commissioners, Consultant and CDOT team members on August 28.
- Finalize and distribute August 9 meeting Draft minutes.
- Draft and distribute September 13 Commission meeting agenda and other meeting materials on September 4 and September 11.
- Review final draft of Commission Charter.
- Draft two letters of Support for BUILD 2019 Grant; one for Commission and one for CDOT.
- Provided Notice to Proceed for HDR Team to begin their TASK Order # 1 (Project initiation tasks).
- Attended meeting with Lt. Governor and Omni Trax (Great Western Railway) officials.
- Met with FTA regarding Front Range Passenger Rail Project.
- Made seven PowerPoint presentations at DRCOG (2), NFRMPO Air Quality Planning Council, PPACG, Federal Transit Administration, Statewide MPO Meeting, and Douglas County Forum.
- Continue to monitor Metro Quest Survey results; over 4,000 responses with 90% + favorable. Survey to be live through Sept. 30.
- Interview with Salida's KDEN radio station.
- Participated on conference call with BNSF Railway's DJ Mitchell, Director of Passenger Rail Operations regarding Front Range Passenger Rail.
- Provided Notice to Proceed to WSP for \$24,465 contract to prepare 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.
- Attended project team meetings with Consultant and CDOT project team members for Communications Committee, Policy Committee, and Pre-NEPA Committee.
- Met with Ray Lang, Rob Eaton and other Amtrak officials regarding Amtrak re-authorization proposals and SW Chief thru-car service proposal.
- Updated "Blue Corridor" project map

### **Future meetings /presentations:**

- September 16, presentation to TLRC

- September 18, presentation to AASHTO's Council on Rail Transportation Annual Conference in Hartford, Connecticut.
- September 27, presentation to ColoRail in Fort Collins
- October 2, presentation to North I-25 Coalition meeting (SW Weld County Office Complex)
- October 4, Possible follow-up date for Chartering Session Executive Summary 2-hour session for those that missed August 28<sup>th</sup> session.
- October 10, presentation to Statewide PE II meeting (Denver) – for CDOT Employees
- October 11, SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting in Loveland.
- October 23, presentation to CDOT Environmental Managers Conference in Fort Collins
- October 24, presentation to North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) in Westminster
- November 8, SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting in Denver