

Resolution #TC-2024-02-07

Resolution to approve the Colorado State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on February 15, 2024.

Whereas, the Colorado Transportation Commission (Commission) has statutory authority pursuant to 43-1-106, C.R.S. to approve, accept, and amend various planning documents resulting from Section 135 Title 23 of the USC, and 43-1-1101 through 1105 C.R.S.; and

Whereas, Congress passed the 2008 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) which requires states to have an approved State Rail Plan in order to be eligible for federal funding for freight and passenger rail investments; and

Whereas, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), acting as the State Rail Transportation Authority for the State of Colorado, has the responsibility to develop the State Rail Plan that establishes priorities and implementation strategies to enhance rail service in the public interest and serve as the basis for Federal and State rail investments within the State; and

Whereas, the mission of CDOT is to provide the best multi-modal transportation system for Colorado that most effectively and safely move people, goods and information; and

Whereas, an eighteen (18) month planning effort incorporating considerable stakeholder involvement, has led to the completion of the Plan; and

Whereas, a draft plan was reviewed by the Governor's Office, Executive Management of CDOT, and was presented to the Commission in their January 2024 Workshop with comments received by CDOT being reviewed and incorporated, as appropriate; and

Now therefore be it resolved, the 2024 Colorado State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan be adopted as the basis for the railroad element of the future CDOT Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan;

Now therefore be it further resolved, upon acceptance of this resolution, CDOT will forward the Plan to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for final review and acceptance.

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Transportation Commission of Colorado