

# Colorado Transportation Commission

## Schedule & Agenda

April 28, 2026

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### Transportation Commission Special Joint Meeting with the CTIO Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 28, 2026

Time	Topic	Speaker
1:00 p.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transportation Commission</li><li>• CTIO</li></ul>	Herman Stockinger, Simon Logan
1:05 p.m.	Purpose of Special Meeting	Shelley Cook & Cecil Gutierrez
1:10 p.m.	Public Comments for either TC or CTIO Boards	Various
1:20 p.m.	Update on Joint Service Term Sheet	Lisa Kaufmann
1:30 p.m.	Discuss and Act on TC Proposed Resolution #9: Advancing Joint Service	Herman Stockinger
1:35 p.m.	Discuss and Act on CTIO Resolution #495	Piper Darlington
1:40 p.m.	Adjournment	

## **Transportation Commission Proposed Resolution #9**

Advancing Joint Service.

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 28, 2026**

**Whereas**, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado approved Senate Bill 24-184 (“SB24-184”), which was signed by Governor Jared Polis on May 16, 2024, and which implemented, *inter alia*, § 32-22-103(5), C.R.S., which authorizes RTD, FRPRD, CDOT, and CTIO (the Parties) to develop an implementation plan for using their respective authorities to deliver, construct, and operate passenger rail service from Denver Union Station, located in Denver, Colorado, to Fort Collins, Colorado (the Project), as the first phase of front range passenger rail service; and

**Whereas**, § 43-1-117.5(3)(a)(II), C.R.S, authorizes CDOT to promote, plan, design, build, finance, operate, maintain, and contract for transit services, including passenger rail, and advanced guideway systems services through its Division of Transit and Rail; and

**Whereas**, the Colorado Transportation Commission (Commission) recognizes that advancing planning and development for the Project is consistent with statewide multimodal objectives; and

**Whereas**, the Project will help reduce congestion by shifting trips to fast, reliable train service while expanding travel options and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in support of the state’s broader climate goals; and

**Whereas**, § 43-1-106(8)(q.5), C.R.S. authorizes the Commission, on behalf of CDOT, to (among other things) enter into a standalone intergovernmental agreement (Agreement) to implement the completion of construction and operation of passenger rail service from Denver Union station to Fort Collins as the first phase of front range passenger rail service; and

**Whereas**, in June 2025 the Commission approved the Agreement to establish a Joint Service Executive Oversight Committee that includes the Parties as well as the CTE and the Governor’s Office for the purpose of investigating the combination of the Parties’ respective powers and resources to build and operate passenger rail service from Denver Union Station to Fort Collins; and

**Whereas**, representatives of the Parties have successfully negotiated a term sheet outlining the key details of an access agreement that will allow the use of certain

freight rail lines owned and operated by BNSF to implement passenger rail service from Denver Union Station to Fort Collins (Term Sheet); and

**Whereas**, the Term Sheet identifies certain improvements that are necessary to ensure the safety and mobility of both passenger and freight trains on BNSF rail lines; and

**Whereas**, the Term Sheet estimates a total one-time cost for the Project to be approximately \$329 million, with approximately \$9 million of the total cost being the initial design costs for the CTIO-funded portion of the Project and the RTD-funded portion of the Project (Initial Design Costs); and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Commission agrees with the intent to fund the Project costs as enumerated in the Term Sheet, and anticipates that the JSEOC parties will return to their respective boards in late 2026 with a comprehensive finance and implementation plan for consideration and adoption by the Parties, including the Commission.

**Now Therefore Be It Further Resolved**, the Commission supports proceeding with funding for Initial Design Costs for the Project, utilizing funding from the CTIO and RTD that is to be set forth in either a separate intergovernmental agreement between CTIO and RTD, or an amendment to the Agreement.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado