

## Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

**To:** Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) Board of Directors

**From:** Piper Darlington, CTIO Director

**Date:** June 18, 2025

**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Implementation of Joint Service and SB 24-184

### Purpose

To provide details of the IGA between CDOT, the Clean Transit Enterprise (CTE), the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)<sup>1</sup>, the Regional Transportation District (RTD), the Front Range Passenger Rail District (FRPRD), and the Governor's Office. The Transportation Commission (Commission) is authorized under SB 24-184 to be the signatory of the agreement for CDOT.

### Action

Requesting approval of Resolution #474 authorizing the CTIO Director, Piper Darlington, to sign the IGA on behalf of CTIO.

### Background

SB 24-184 directed CDOT, RTD, and the FRPRD to use each of their authorities to develop a governance structure for implementation of an initial phase of Front Range Passenger Rail, known as "Joint Service," from Denver Union Station up the Northwest Corridor to Boulder and continuing to Fort Collins. After much discussion, the principals of those agencies, along with CTE and CTIO, determined that the governance structure should be in the form of an IGA, and a final version of the IGA is being presented to each respective board for review and approval.

The principals for each agency, including Herman Stockinger (on behalf of Director Shoshana Lew for CDOT) and their attorneys (including the Attorney General's office for CDOT), have been meeting to develop the IGA since August of last year.

The IGA outlines 13 Articles, including:

- Article 1: Project Description
- Article 2: Definitions
- Article 3: Authority
- Article 4: Organization
- Article 5: Meetings

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<sup>1</sup> The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise refers to itself now and in the future. However, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents.

- Article 6: Voting
- Article 7: Management and Support
- Article 8: Funding, Allocation of Tasks, Approvals, and Financing
- Article 9: Notice (of meetings)
- Article 10: Amendments
- Article 11: Transfer of Interests and Obligations
- Article 12: Termination (of the agreement)
- Article 13: Miscellaneous (such as Indemnification and Liability)

The IGA, once complete, will also contain several Exhibits, including:

- Exhibit A: Proposed Route
- Exhibit B: Weighted Voting
- Exhibit C: Contributions

## Next Steps

The FRPRD Board is expected to consider adoption of the IGA later this month, followed by the RTD Board in July.

## Attachments

**Attachment A:** IGA Presentation and factsheet

**Attachment B:** Intergovernmental Agreement

**Attachment C:** Resolution #474

**Attachment D:** Letters of Support