



Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

To: CTIO Board of Directors

From: Piper Darlington, CTIO Director

Date: May 14, 2025

Subject: Winter Park Express Partnership

Purpose:

To provide an update to the CTIO Board on the outcome of the Winter Park Express Partnership.

Requested Action:

No action is requested.

Background:

Amtrak provides Winter Park Express service (the Ski Train) to Winter Park under an agreement with Winter Park Resorts. For 2024-2025 ski season, CTIO entered into an agreement with the Winter Park Resort to expand the service to:

- Add more capacity for each train
- Add more days per week
- Increase ridership by decreasing fares
- Implement an earlier start to service in December
- Potentially extend service past Winter Park Resort Platform

With the passage of SB24-184, the expansion of the Winter Park Express was identified as a key short-term opportunity for the investment of new Congestion Impact Fee revenue. In September 2024, the CTIO Board approved a budget of up to \$2.3 million in cost sharing to implement the expanded service. The attached presentation will cover the outcome of the partnership.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Winter Park Express Presentation