



# Front Range Passenger Rail District Update

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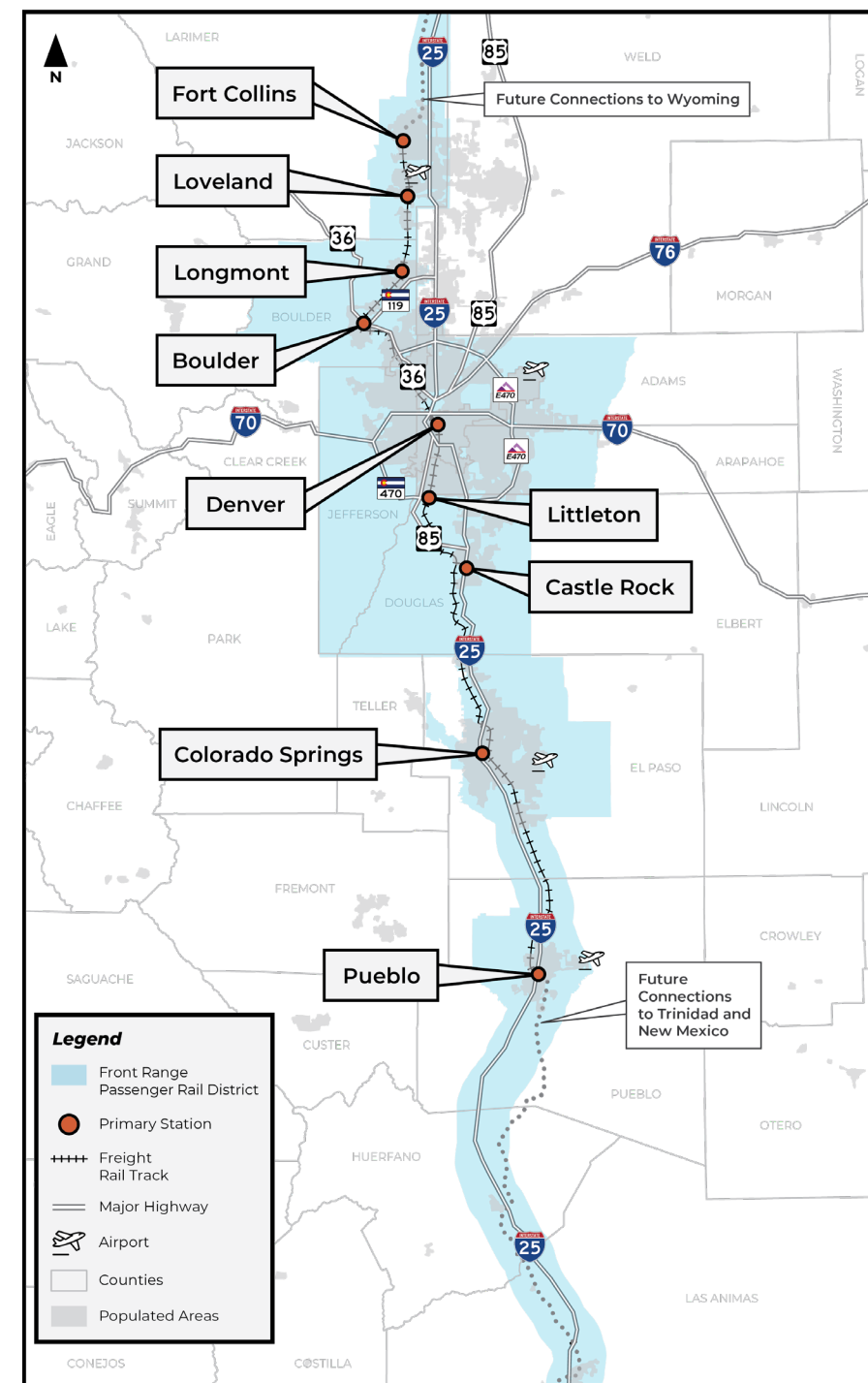
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# What is the Front Range Passenger Rail District?

- ➡ Created by Colorado Legislature through SB21-238
- ➡ Statutory direction to plan, design, finance, construct and operate an inter-connected north/south passenger rail system along the Front Range
- ➡ Following voter approval, can levy taxes to fund the rail system
- ➡ Working with local communities to support station development; has authority to set up station area improvement districts



# Vision & Benefits

## Job Creation

- Construction, maintenance, operations
- An investment of \$1 billion in public transportation supports 36,000 jobs (USDOT)

## Local Economic Development

- Increased visitors; additional spending support area businesses and local sales tax base

## Connectivity

- Access to economic centers, medical care and services, higher education key destinations

## Sustainability and Safety

- Reduced pollution supports Colorado's air quality goals
- Reduced highway congestion, traffic crashes and fatalities
- Reduced road maintenance costs



# Front Range Passenger Rail Proposal

- Using **existing tracks** to **minimize costs** and **expedite service**
- Nine primary stations from **Fort Collins** to **Pueblo**
- Long-term vision** of connecting to **Wyoming** and **New Mexico**
- Goal: **Denver to Fort Collins by 2029. Full corridor service by 2035**
- Intercity rail service is faster**; 79 MPH max speed
- Travel time estimate from **Fort Collins to Pueblo is just over three hours**



# Demonstration Train

March 2024 historic demonstration train from Denver's Union Station to Longmont.



# Service Development Plan



**Concludes Later This Year**



**Fort Collins to Pueblo**

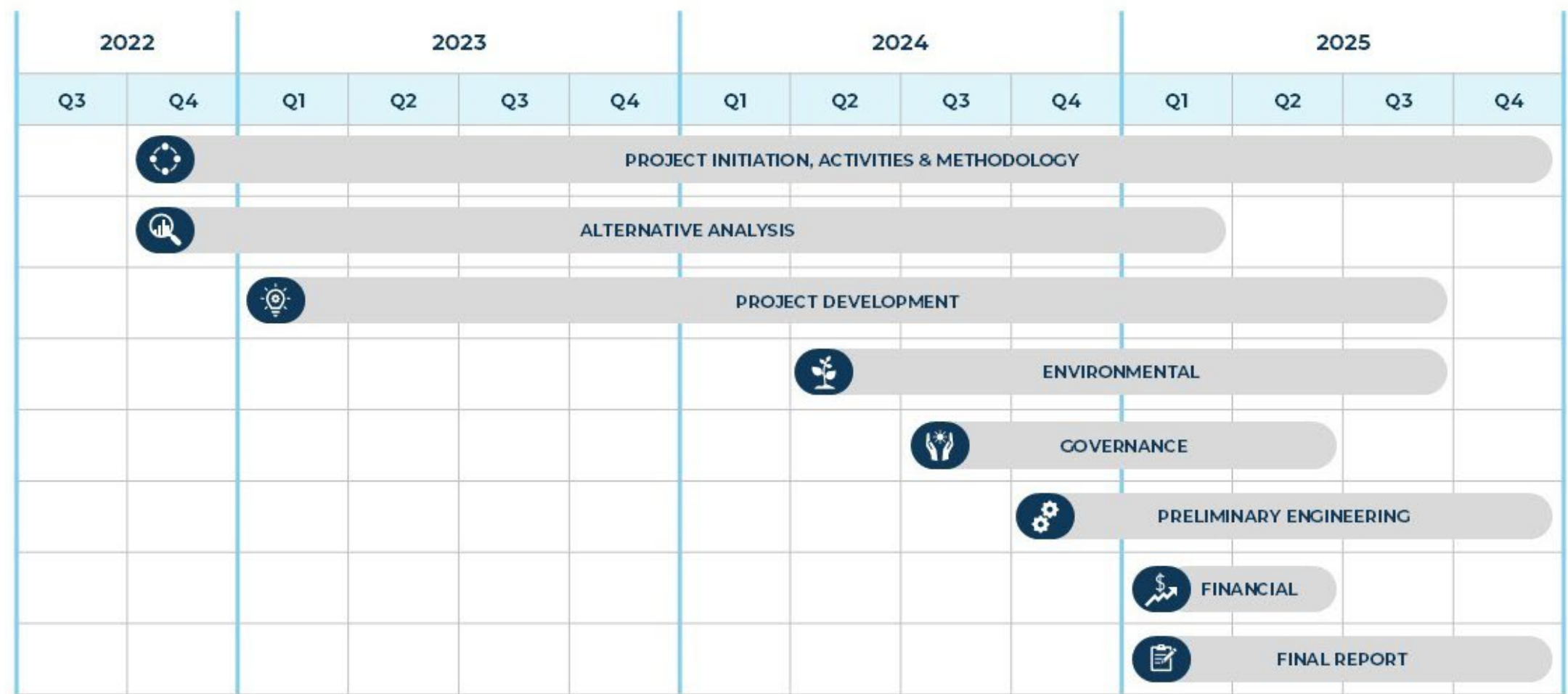


**Implementation Plan  
for Initial FRPR Service**

## **The SDP process defines:**

- Route
- Major Markets for Stations
- Service Frequency
- Onboard Amenities
- Fare Structure
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Costs and Financing Plan
- Implementation Plan

# SDP Concludes this Year



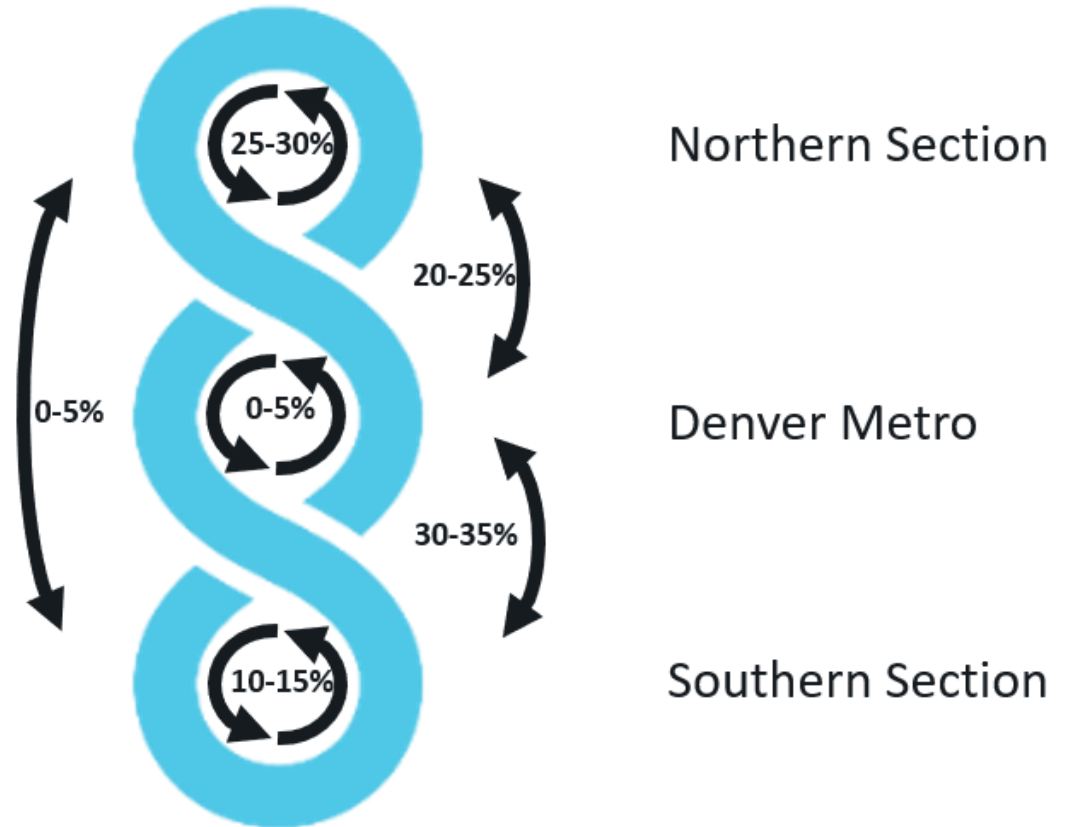
# Ridership Trends

**Denver Metro area is by a distance the largest single producer/attractor**

**50-65%**

of forecast trips are to, from, or within the Denver Metro area

**DRAFT forecast passenger trips**



# Preliminary Travel Times

Mode	Travel Time (hr:min)
Rail @ 79MPH	03:19
Auto (Year 2023)	02:30 – 03:30
Auto (Year 2045)	03:00 – 4:00+

Rail travel time shown are preliminary and is **based on ideal operating conditions**

Current Auto Trip Time	
<i>AM Pueblo to Fort Collins</i>	<i>PM Pueblo to Fort Collins</i>
Median = 3:05 Peak = 3:30	Median = 3:00 Peak = 3:20

**Future 2045 Auto Trip Times** based on average increase between OD pairs in CDOT statewide model.

# SDP Alternatives Analysis

Service Alternative	Frequency (RT)	Max Speed (mph)	Travel Time	Ridership	Operating Ratio
1	6	79	3 hr 19 min	700,000	.193
2	6	90	3 hr 14 min	716,000	.197
3	10	79	3 hr 19 min	990,000	.170
4	12	79	3 hr 19 min	1,131,000	.163
5	12	90	3 hr 14 min	1,153,000	.167


*79 mph is the train's maximum speed; average operating speed will be lower due to geography, infrastructure station stops, and safety precautions.*

*Data reflects year 2045 ridership and costs*

# Online Open House

- May 12 – June 15, 2025
- [www.frpropenhouse.com](http://www.frpropenhouse.com)
- Highlights recommended service alternative for future full build between Fort Collins and Pueblo and near-term work to advance a first phase by 2029.
- Stakeholder coalition briefing May 7.
- Contact [info@frprdistrict.com](mailto:info@frprdistrict.com) with questions.

Welcome!



## FRPR

### Welcome to the Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) Alternatives Analysis Virtual Open House!

In this open house, you will learn about progress toward advancing FRPR, the **recommended alternative for future full build** FRPR service in 2045 and near-term work to develop Joint Service by 2029. At the end of the meeting, you will have an opportunity to provide comments that help shape future planning decisions. You will also have an opportunity to learn about next steps and opportunities to engage further in this process.

This virtual open house is open from **DATES are TBD**. The navigation bar on the left leads you to more information about FRPR, the Alternatives Analysis process, work to date, service development planning and next steps.

Thank you for visiting the FRPR Alternatives Analysis Virtual Open House. If you need assistance using this website, please contact **[xxx]**.

# Progress Toward a First Phase

- **SB 24-184 directs partner collaboration toward first phase** of passenger rail service from Denver to Fort Collins starting in 2029
- **Linkage** between **FasTracks** and **FRPR**; progress to voters before seeking more support
- **SB 24-184 Requirements**
  - Implementation Plan
  - Service Plan
  - Legal Framework (IGA)
- **Work to Date**
  - Two reports to legislature
  - Financial modeling and “lowest cost option” project development
- **Current Focus**
  - Defining characteristics of service
  - IGA

