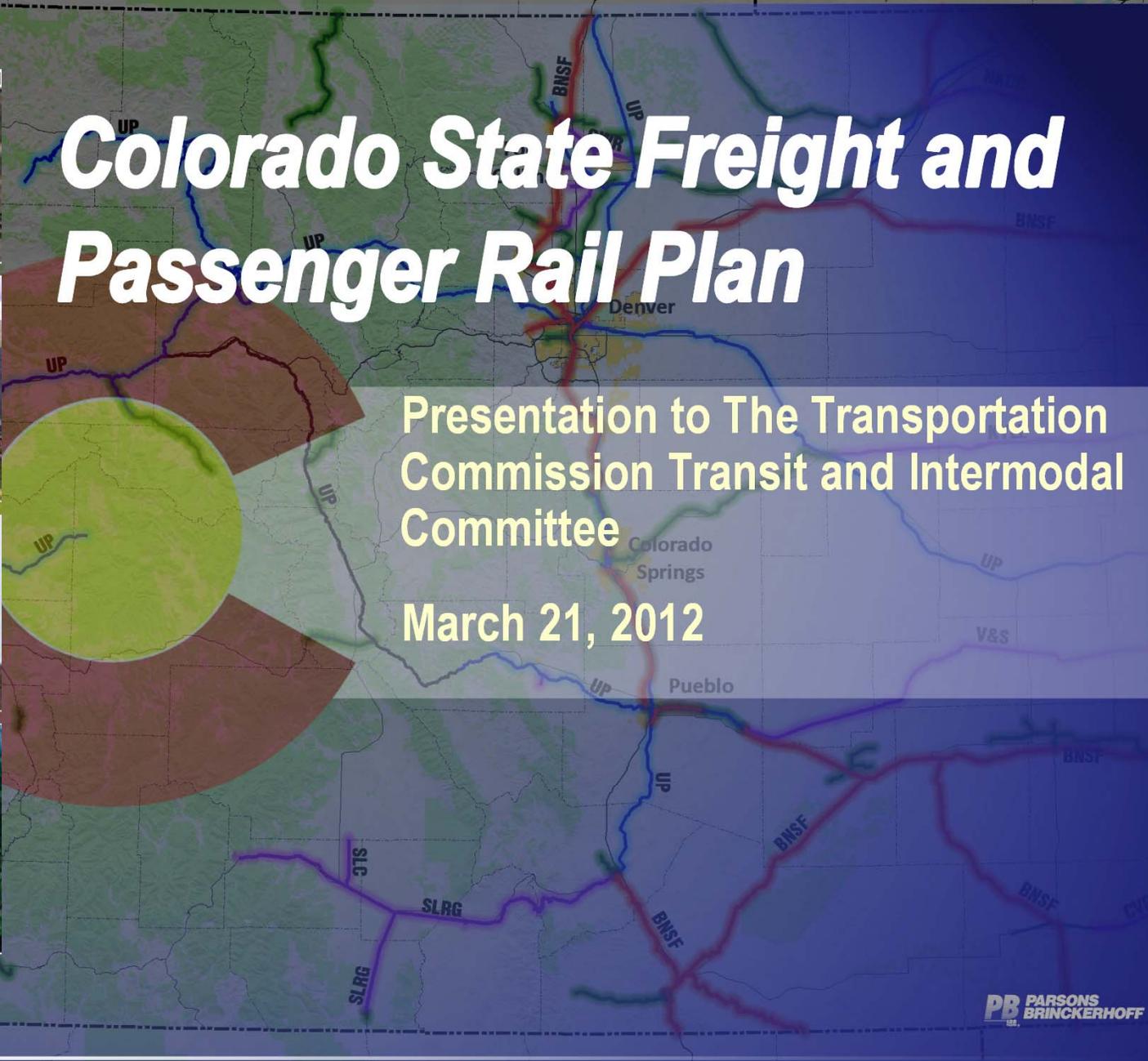


Colorado State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan

Presentation to The Transportation Commission Transit and Intermodal Committee

March 21, 2012



Review of Draft Plan

- Draft released for Comments January 30, 2012.
- Comment period extended to March 2nd based on stakeholder requests.
- 200 + comments received from individuals and organizations.
- Draft revised to incorporate appropriate comments.



Comments

- Plan Objective and Recommendation added:
 - Added Objective - Emphasize tourism as a major economic driver in the State.
 - Added Recommendation - Embrace a performance based corridor evaluation process.
- Suggested more focus on Transit; not incorporated.
 - Interregional Connectivity Study/I-70 Mountain Corridor AGS Feasibility Study.
 - State Transit Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Suggested identification of methodologies to compare with other modes; not incorporated.
 - The Long Range Transportation Plan is the appropriate document to compare the various modes of transportation.



Comments (continued)

- Suggested County rail/highway grade crossing inventories be included in the Plan; not incorporated.
 - CDOT has an existing rail/highway grade crossing inventory program.
- Suggested specific “projects” have higher prioritization rankings (high, medium, or low); not incorporated.
 - Relative rankings assigned in this framework document are for planning purposes only.
 - More detailed prioritization will occur when funding sources are identified.
- Suggested the Plan should contain detailed elements of previous studies such as the RMRA High Speed Rail Feasibility Study, I-70 Mountain PEIS and Rail Relocation Implementation Study; not incorporated.
 - This is a framework Plan; prior study details included by reference only.



Next Steps

- Commission approval of the Plan.
- Submit to FRA for concurrence.
- Conduct the Interregional Connectivity Study, Advanced Guideway System Feasibility Study, and Statewide Transit Plan.
- Plan becomes the basis for rail component of Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan.
- DTR works with Commission and Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) in moving forward Plan policy recommendations and initiatives.



Questions/Comments

