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### **Colorado Department of Transportation Announces Colorado Rail Relocation Implementation Study**

Denver CO—The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) today announced the launch of R2C2, a joint study with the BNSF Railway, the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to reach agreement on a public/private partnership to move through-freight rail traffic away from the Front Range corridor to the Eastern Plains of Colorado. The acronym R2C2 stands for Rail Relocation for Colorado's Communities.

R2C2 builds on CDOT's Public Benefits and Costs Study completed in 2005 that concluded that the public would accrue significant benefits should the rail relocation project move forward. The purpose of R2C2 is to determine what steps will have to be carried out to form a public/private partnership, to better define and finalize the alignments, to determine the costs of the project, to investigate what sources of funding are available, to determine how to finance the project and to develop tactics for implementing the necessary environmental strategies.

CDOT has contracted with a Consultant Team led by Parsons Brinckerhoff, to complete the effort. R2C2 will have an extensive public involvement component which will provide the public both an opportunity to comment on the various proposals being evaluated and also to develop an understanding of the benefits, costs and issues associated with implementing the proposed project.

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