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Please Sign In!



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Smart Commute Grant Applications

- TDM Set-Aside – FlexRide Optimization Program
- CDOT TMO Support Grant – Bike Gap Analysis/Map (Round II), Multimodal Community Resource Maps, eMobility Hub(s)
- RTD Partnership Grant – LAC for FlexRide Optimization Program, Additional Support for eMobility Hub(s)



144th FlexRide and eBike Wrap-Up Phase

- End of Program(s): September 30, 2023
- Trips Provided through June 2023: 28,126
- eBikes Deployed: 25 (10 yet to be deployed)

*Reports for both programs will be completed (and submitted to DRCOG and RTD) by
December 31, 2023*



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Front Range Passenger Rail Update

North Area Transportation Alliance

August 24, 2023

FRPR FRONT RANGE
PASSENGER RAIL

What is Front Range Passenger Rail?

- ▶ **New inter-city train service.**
- ▶ **Initial service:** Pueblo through Denver and north to Fort Collins, with stops along the way.
- ▶ **Long-term vision:** connecting to New Mexico and Wyoming.
- ▶ **Using existing tracks** shared with freight railroads to minimize costs and accelerate the service start date.



Commuter Rail

Serves one metropolitan area connecting suburbs to an urban core.



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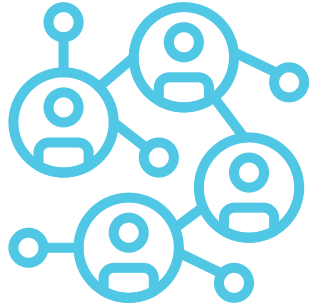
Inter-City Rail

Connects cities across the state.



2-4 Miles	STATION DISTANCE	20-30+ Miles
35-45 Miles Per Hour	AVERAGE SPEED	45-55+ Miles Per Hour*
20-75 Miles	SERVICE LENGTH	50-300+ Miles / < 750 Miles

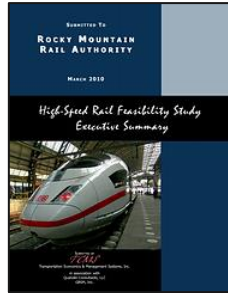
**Average running speed between stops is 65-90 Miles Per Hour*



Connecting Coloradans to Opportunities, Adventure, and Each Other

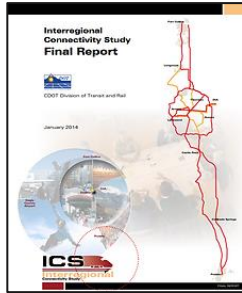
- ➔ Working Professionals
- ➔ College Students
- ➔ People with Disabilities
- ➔ Families
- ➔ Sports Fans
- ➔ Festival-Goers
- ➔ Tourists
- ➔ Older Adults and Veterans
- ➔ People without Cars
- ➔ Urban Explorers

History of Front Range Passenger Rail



10 Years of Visionary Planning

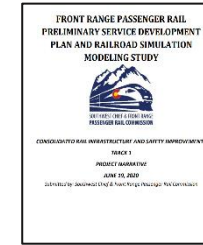
2010-2020



**SOUTHWEST CHIEF & FRONT RANGE
PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION**

Rail Commission

2017



Service Development Plan Grant

2020



District Established

2021

2014
Save the Chief

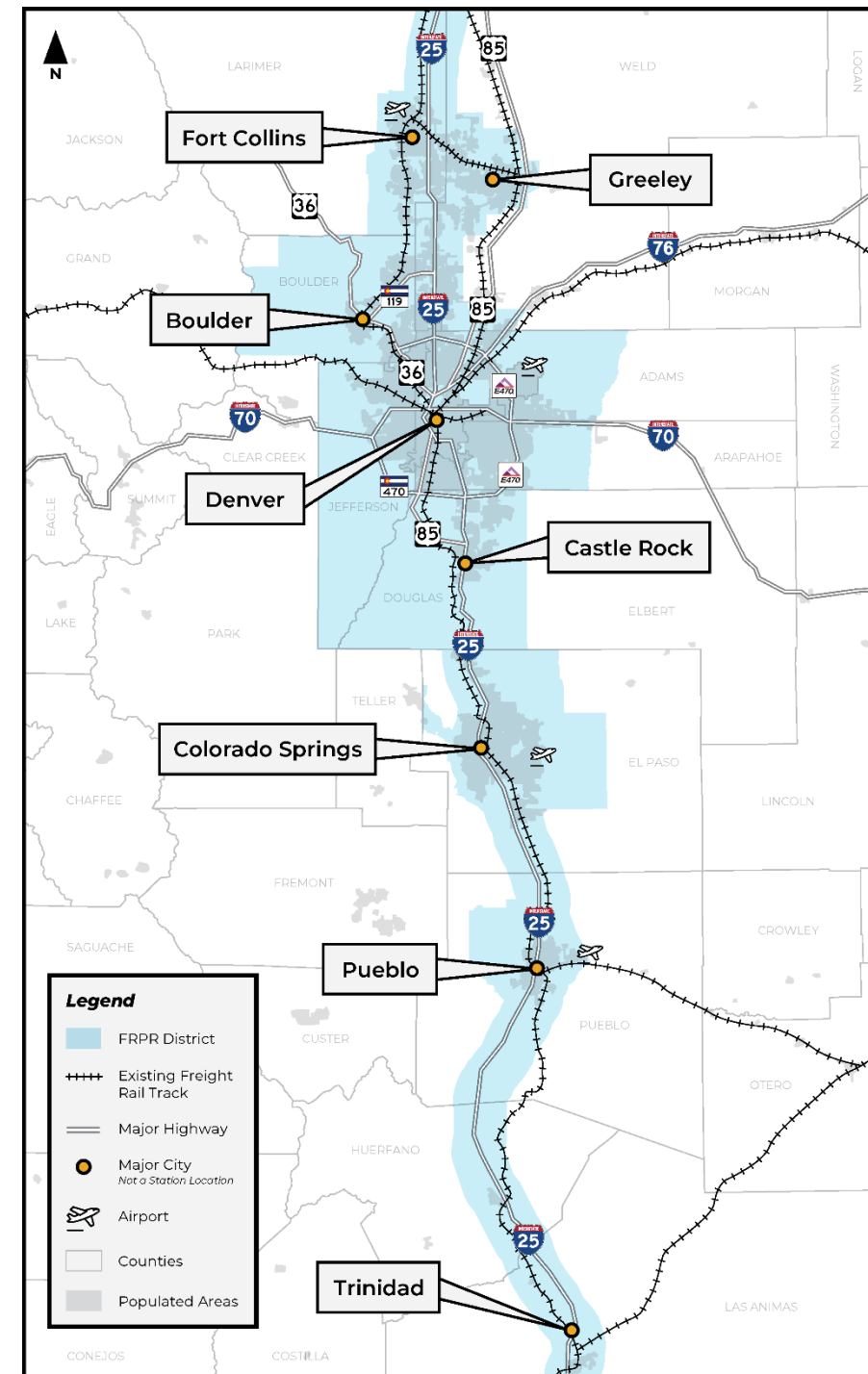


2020
Alternatives Analysis

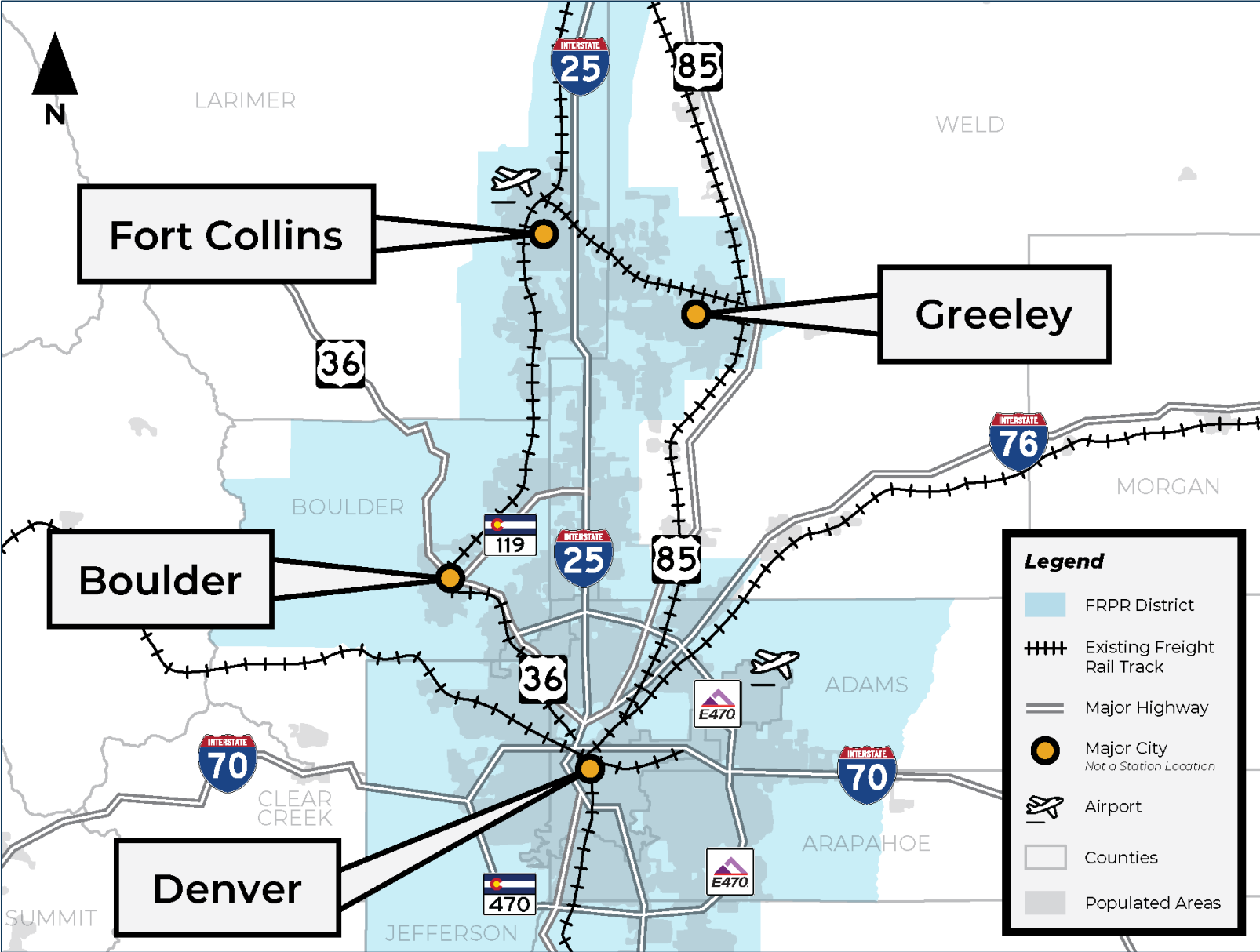


What is the FRPR District?

- Created by Colorado Legislature in 2021.
- New local government with the mission to finance, design, construct, operate a passenger rail service along the Front Range.
- Following voter approval, can levy taxes to finance the rail system.
- Working with local communities to support station development.



Northern District Segment



District Board of Directors

MPO/COG

Representatives (10)

- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Council
- Pueblo Area Council of Governments
- South Central Council of Governments COG

Governor Appointments (6)

CDOT (1)

Ex Officio (7)

- BNSF Railway
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Amtrak
- RTD
- I-70 Mountain Corridor Coalition
- State of Wyoming
- State of New Mexico

Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

- ▶ Foundation of 15 years of advocacy and planning.
- ▶ District established.
- ▶ Strong state support.
- ▶ New passenger rail programs and funding established through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.





Where We Are Today

Corridor Identification and Development Program (FRA)

- ▶ Comprehensive inter-city passenger rail planning program.
 - ▶ Creates a pipeline of projects ready for implementation.
 - ▶ Opens up millions of dollars in new funding – 90/10 federal match.
- ▶ Submitted Application in March 2023.
 - ▶ Notice of Acceptance in Fall 2023.
 - ▶ If accepted into the Program, District receives initial \$500,000.



Service Development Plan



**Implementation Plan
for Initial FRPR Service**



Pueblo to Fort Collins



**Began Late 2022 and
Concludes Mid/Late 2024**

The SDP process defines:

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

Route to Front Range Passenger Rail



4 Year Plan Leading into a Ballot Initiative

2022

District Stand-Up

- ▶ Board Directors Appointed
- ▶ Express Interest in Corridor Identification and Development Program (CIDP)

2023

SDP, Communications, and Partner Coordination

- ▶ Service Development Planning
- ▶ Initial Briefings
- ▶ Board Evaluates Operator
- ▶ Application and Acceptance into CIDP; receive \$500k

2024

SDP and Outreach

- ▶ Service Development Plan Finished (Late 2024)
- ▶ O&M and Capital Costs Determined
- ▶ Financing Plan Determined
- ▶ Phase II CIDP \$ (90/10 Match)

2025

2025 – NWR, Local Govt Outreach, NEPA

- ▶ Coordination Plan with RTD for NWR Segment
- ▶ Local Government Outreach Going Into Ballot
- ▶ NEPA
- ▶ Freight Railroad Agreements
- ▶ Phase III CIDP \$ (80/20 Match)

2026

District Ballot Initiative

Partnerships and Local Coordination



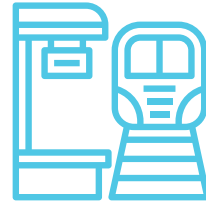
Financial Support

- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ State legislature
- ▶ Governor's office
- ▶ Colorado DC delegation
- ▶ USDOT and FRA



Generating Public Support for Ballot Measure

- ▶ Chambers
- ▶ Environmental, Accessibility, Active Transportation, and Equity Orgs
- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ State legislature
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- ▶ Colorado DC delegation



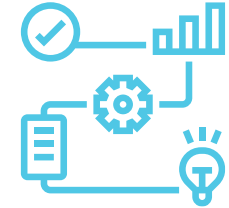
Station Planning and Station Improvement Districts

- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ Downtown business organizations
- ▶ Landowners
- ▶ Developers



Multimodal Connectivity

- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ MPOs/COGs
- ▶ CDOT
- ▶ Transit agencies



Planning, Design, Engineering, Implementation

- ▶ Freight railroads
- ▶ FRA
- ▶ CDOT
- ▶ RTD

Stay in Touch

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Priority Project List Reminder



PROJECTS MTG DOODLE POLL



**DESIGNATED
MEMBERS
ONLY**



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