

## Front Range Passenger Rail District Planning Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time: 8:30 - 10 a.m. MDT

Location: Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81678139149>

(Virtual Only)

Attendance: Josh Laipply (Chair), Tricia Canonico, Jill Gaebler, Will Karspeck, Deborah Mulvey, Chris Nevitt, Sarah Nurmela, Sal Pace, Joan Peck, John Putnam, Jose Soto, , Herman Stockinger, Randy Wheelock

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### Meeting Objectives:

At the end of this meeting the Committee will have:

- An increased understanding of the role of the District, RTD, and CDOT related to ongoing SB24-184 discussions and activity

Time	Agenda Item	Anticipated Action	Discussion Lead
5 mins	<b>Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll Call</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish quorum</li></ul>	Chair
5 mins	<b>Approve Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve agenda and minutes</li></ul>	Chair
5 mins	<b>District Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update</li></ul>	Duane
30 mins	<b>Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SB184 Discussions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update</li></ul>	Duane/Andy
5 mins	<b>Informational Items and Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open question to directors</li></ul>	Chair
1 min	<b>Adjourn</b>		Chair



# Front Range Passenger Rail

Planning Committee SB24-184 Update  
Duane Sayers  
Director, Rail Planning and Operations

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# Where Are We Now?

## Service Development Plan

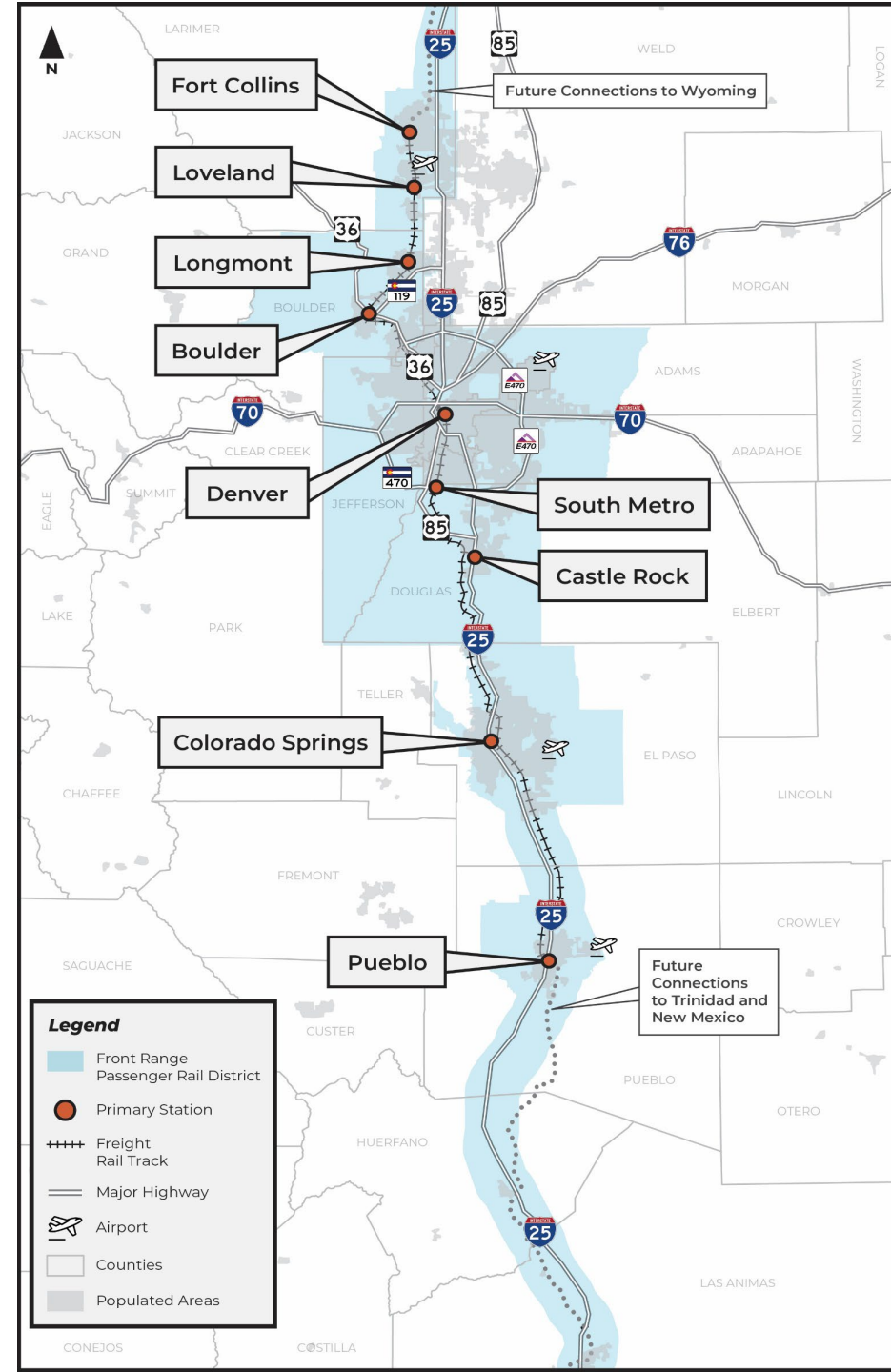
- Completed at end of 2025
- Alternative Analysis due at end of 2024
- Will provide FRA and RR partners the details needed for ongoing discussions around:
  - 30% design for infrastructure costs for the corridor
  - Station location and development (future station development is District responsibility post SDP)
  - Access agreements for service on BNSF and UP tracks
- CIDP

## Peak Service Study

- RTD about to present final report to the RTD Board in Sept/Oct.
- Provides data on PSS scenario: 3RTs in am and 3 RTs in the pm, nine commuter rail stations, 30% design on PSS infrastructure

## SB184 Collaboration

- Goal = provide messaging to public in northern section of the District how, when, where trains could run in the future between DUS and Ft Collins.
- District, RTD, CDOT discussing service options for trains from DUS to Fort Collins
- Discussions are state/local level and outside of official planning process



# Colorado SB 24-184

- Discussions around northern portion of project Denver to Fort Collins
- Funds from new assessed fees go to CTIO (within CDOT) for bus and rail services
- Fees allocated to finance capital infrastructure - late 2025
- Capital needs dependent upon negotiations with the RRs and environmental clearance (3-4 years); independent utility projects
- Identify needs for project
  - Address challenges around FasTracks
  - Collaboration between District, RTD, CDOT
  - District = do no harm to future political messaging and voter prospects
- FISA discussion – Funds are for "unfinished business" - RTD board vote



# RTD Peak Service Study Completion

## FRPR and RTD

- ▶ RTD is working on the NWR Peak Service Study (PSS) to evaluate commuter rail service feasibility between DUS and Longmont, operating along existing B Line tracks
- ▶ Presentation to RTD board in September
- ▶ BNSF capital cost numbers could inform FRPR discussions
- ▶ Began discussions with FRPR on joint operations on BNSF track north of Westminster



# SB24-184 Collaboration

## FRPR, RTD and CDOT

- Met with facilitator to discuss the 184 process and requirements
- Operations, Finance and Governance committees among agency participants and governor's office
- Currently looking at reporting requirements, governance model, and joint operations scenarios in preparation for Transportation Legislative Review Committee report at the end of September



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# SB24-184 Collaboration

## FRPR and RTD

- Explored options on the use of shared platforms at Boulder and Longmont stations
- Cost-sharing on track improvements, PTC implementation, maintenance costs
- Joint use/cost of vehicle maintenance facility and storage yard
- Similar vehicle type

## FRPR and CDOT

- Discussions around how SB184 fits into the existing planning process and how it informs it.
- Modeling around service scenarios up north to integrate station area discussions.
- Technical workshops scheduled to examine and formalize service scenarios, including weekly meetings of the Joint Operations Working Group.
- Discussions on fee revenue financing capital construction early in the project cycle.

# QUESTIONS?

