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ICYMI: Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen (CO-07), and Denver Council President Amanda Sandoval Join State of Colorado, RTD, FRPR to Highlight Progress on Northern Front Range Passenger Rail

DENVER — Regional leaders, transportation officials, and community partners gathered last week for an update on the Northern Front Range Passenger Rail (“Joint Service”), featuring remarks from Congresswoman **Brittany Pettersen**, Denver City Council President **Amanda Sandoval**, Special Advisor to Governor Polis **Lisa Kaufmann**, RTD General Manager and CEO **Debra Johnson**, and Front Range Passenger Rail District (FRPRD) General Manager **Sal Pace**.

The event came at a pivotal moment as negotiations with BNSF Railway advanced toward key milestones expected at the end of 2025. Joint Service aims to commence the first three daily roundtrips of passenger rail along the Northern Front Range no later than January 2029 using existing revenue sources without needing a sales tax increase.

“Colorado is significantly behind our transportation investments which means we are spending way too much time stuck in traffic instead of doing the things we love, and our congestion costs our economy billions of dollars,” **said Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen (CO-07)**. “That’s why I’m so excited that Joint Service is providing a solution: an affordable, reliable way to get around that saves families hours each week, reduces pollution, and strengthens our state economy by connecting people with education, jobs, and local businesses across the entire Front Range. I’m proud to champion this work and the partnership driving it.”

“This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink mobility in our region,” **Denver City Council President Amanda Sandoval** said. “By uniting our communities behind a shared vision, we are building a transportation future that is cleaner, more connected, and more equitable for everyone.”

During the briefing, leaders outlined recent progress, shared details on upcoming milestones in Joint Service and the BNSF negotiations and reiterated the importance of continued community engagement as the project enters a decisive phase.

“Front Range Passenger Rail has always been about connecting communities with a practical, affordable option that respects taxpayers,” said **Sal Pace, General Manager of FRPRD**. “Joint Service lets us bring trains to the corridor years sooner, build trust with riders and local governments and lay the groundwork for full buildout from Fort Collins to Pueblo and eventually to Trinidad.”

The update occurred the same day with a broad coalition of elected officials, community organizations, environmental advocates, and transportation leaders released joint letters urging Governor Jared Polis, RTD, CDOT, and FRPRD to advance Joint Service and passenger rail to Northern Colorado following the conclusion of BNSF/CO Access Agreement negotiations.

The Front Range Passenger Rail District was established to develop and operate passenger rail service connecting communities along Colorado’s Front Range. The District is working toward a voter approved ballot initiative to fund comprehensive passenger rail service that will provide sustainable, efficient transportation for residents and visitors while supporting economic development throughout the region. For more information visit: RideTheFrontRange.com

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