

Front Range Passenger Rail District Writing Style Guide

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FRONT RANGE
PASSENGER
RAIL

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District Specifics and Standard Industry Terms

First Reference	Second Reference	Not Acceptable References	Notes
District and Project Terms			
(the) Front Range Passenger Rail District	the District, the passenger rail district	front range passenger rail district, the district, FRPR District	FRPRD can be used as a moniker for instances akin to CDOT, RTD, CDPHE
Front Range Passenger Rail		front range passenger rail	In informal references, can use passenger rail project or passenger rail service
Front Range		front range	
Passenger rail		Light rail, commuter rail	
Front Range Passenger Rail District Board of Directors	the Board	Dir	Akin to the <u>D</u> istrict, capitalize the <u>B</u> oard. If director is used with a proper name, then capitalize
Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission	Rail Commission	SWC&FRPR Commission	
Southwest Chief Thru-Car Service Study	Southwest Chief Service Study, Southwest Chief Thru-Car Study		
Long-term		Long term	
Northwest Rail	NWR	NW Rail Line; NWRL	It's sometimes referred to as the B-Line, but only when RTD is involved.
Northwest Rail Peak Service Study		Peak Period Study	
North segment area			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Geographic area:</i> Fort Collins to Longmont (Larimer, Boulder Counties) • <i>Stations:</i> Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont

Central segment area			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Geographic area:</i> Boulder to Castle Rock (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver and Douglas Counties) • <i>Stations:</i> Boulder, Denver, South Metro, Castle Rock
South segment area			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Geographic area:</i> Monument to Pueblo (El Paso, Pueblo Counties) • <i>Stations:</i> Colorado Springs, Pueblo
Community members		Residents, citizens	
State, Federal and Industry Organizations and Legislation			
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	ADA		
Amtrak		AMTRAK (all uppercase)	
Association of American Railroads	AAR		
BNSF Railway	BNSF	BN, BNSF Railroad	
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	CDPHE		
Colorado Department of Transportation	CDOT		Using the acronym is permissible in headlines and after the first full reference in content
Corridor Identification Development Program	CIDP or Corridor ID Program		
Colorado Transportation Investment Office	CTIO		Formerly known as Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise
Denver Regional Council of Governments	DRCOG		

RTD's FasTracks Internal Savings Account	FISA		
Federal Railroad Administration	FRA		
Regional Transportation District	RTD		Can also use "the agency" on second reference, although RTD is preferred
Union Pacific	UP		Union Pacific uses "Railroad" not "railway" in their official name
U.S. Department of Transportation	USDOT		
Industry Terms			
Intercity rail		Inter-city rail	
Positive train control	PTC		Use lowercase, consistent with AP style
Intermodal			One word
Multimodal			One word
Citywide			One word
Footprint		Impact area, area of affect	
Trackway			Describes existing track and any new track
Milepost	MP		Differs from CDOT style of using "mile point"
At-grade crossings			Refers to roadway or other crossings of the passenger rail alignment and track that are not grade separated, that is, no overpass or underpass
Train service frequency			Use "train service every 30 minutes in the a.m." versus "an AM peak headway of 30 minutes"
Study limits		Study area	

Service Development Plan	SDP		When spelled out, Service Development Plan should always be capitalized
National Environmental Policy Act	NEPA		When spelled out, National Environmental Policy Act should always be capitalized
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	BIL		Can use BIL or IIJA interchangeably, given the context and audience
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	IIJA		Can use BIL or IIJA interchangeably, given the context and audience
Taxpayer's Bill of Rights	TABOR		
Public Private Partnership	P3		
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