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CDOT and Front Range Passenger Rail District Announce Launch of Front Range Passenger Rail
Alternatives Analysis Virtual Open House

Open house shares recommended alternative for full build out service by 2045 and steps toward starter service by 2029

DENVER – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Front Range Passenger Rail District (District) announce a recommended alternative for future build out of Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR). FRPR's Alternatives Analysis is a component of the project's Service Development Plan, a Federal Railroad Administration requirement to advance service planning.

Identifying a recommended alternative to advance in the planning process marks a key milestone for FRPR, as it establishes the service frequency, travel time and maximum train speed needed to guide the planning and design of the ultimate service projected for 2045.

From Monday, May 12 to Sunday, June 15, 2025, the public can visit www.frpropenhouse.com to learn about the progress being made to advance FRPR, including the recommended alternative for the full build-out in 2045 and the near-term efforts to launch starter service by 2029. In this self-guided opportunity, the public can also provide comments that help shape future planning decisions.

"This is an opportunity to better understand the recommended alternative and ask questions about the Service Development Plan," said Chrissy Breit, Interim General Manager, Front Range Passenger Rail District. "Community input is vital to shaping a transportation solution that reflects the region's needs and priorities. Your voice will help pave the way for a faster, more connected future."

FRPR focuses on introducing safe, efficient and reliable travel through intercity passenger rail service along a 180-mile rail corridor between Fort Collins and Pueblo. FRPR is a collaborative

effort between CDOT, the District, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and state and local agencies, with close coordination with BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad, the freight railroads that own the rail infrastructure. To minimize costs and expedite the service start date, FRPR plans to operate predominantly on existing freight railroad tracks.

The project is part of Colorado's broader multimodal transportation vision. Passenger trains connecting Coloradans along the fast-growing Front Range will help reduce traffic congestion, support air quality goals, increase job growth, spur economic development and provide a safe, convenient and reliable transportation option for Coloradans.

Learn more at <u>ridethefrontrange.com</u>.