

Board of Directors

Meeting date: October 15, 2025

Agenda Item #: 5 (Attachment A)

Front Range Passenger Rail and Joint Service Update

Agenda item type: Strategic informational briefing

Summary

Representatives from the Front Range Passenger Rail District and the state Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) will provide a briefing on the Front Range Passenger Rail and Joint Service projects.

Background

Senate Bill 21-238 ([SB-238](#)) which established the Front Range Passenger Rail District, requires the District to provide an annual update to each metropolitan planning organization (MPO), including DRCOG, that appoints members to its board. Over the past several months, the District has been working to develop a comprehensive Service Development Plan, which will be completed this year.

In close collaboration with Service Development Plan efforts, Senate Bill 24-184 ([SB-184](#)) directs collaboration towards the first phase of Front Range Passenger Rail (Denver to Fort Collins) by the partner entities of the Governor's Office, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Clean Transit Enterprise (CTE), Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO), the Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the Front Range Passenger Rail District. In June 2025, these entities adopted a Joint Service Agreement (JSA) as a foundation to collaborate via a joint service model to implement this first phase (known as starter service) by 2029 as required by SB-184. There is also interplay between joint service efforts for Front Range Rail and the state's efforts to implement Mountain Rail between Denver, Winter Park, Steamboat Springs, Craig and Hayden.

At the October Board meeting, representatives from the Front Range Passenger Rail District and OEDIT will provide updates on both Front Rail Rail and joint service and how they relate to each other and Mountain Rail to ultimately implement an intercity passenger rail network connecting the Front Range and Northwest Colorado.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

None.

Recommendation



None.

Attachment(s)

1. Front Range Passenger Rail District presentation
2. OEDIT Joint Service presentation

For more information

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