



Colorado Front Range Passenger Rail
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Mission and Status of the Colorado Front Ranger Passenger Rail District

Planning, designing, building, and operating a passenger rail line along the Colorado Front Range I-25 corridor.

SB21-238 created a new Colorado special district with the powers deemed necessary to carry out its mission. The District includes the power to refer a ballot measure to the district voters creating a sales and use tax. At present the new Board of Directors are:

- Organizing its 17 voting and 6 non-voting members
- Implementing new district administrative functions
- Overseeing development of an initial Service Development Plan with CO DOT

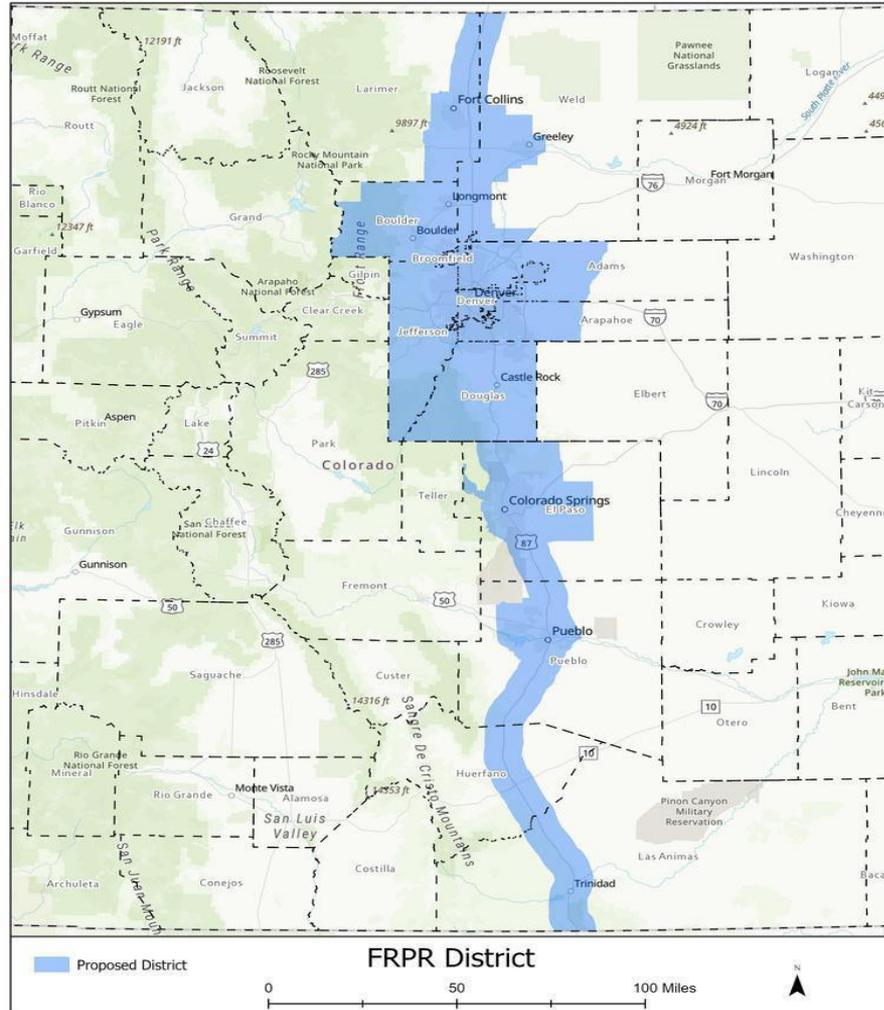
How We Got Here

Planning a comprehensive passenger rail system serving the Front Range has been underway for more than a decade.

2014: Southwest Chief Commission established to save and improve the SW Chief passenger train route and service.

2017: SW Chief Commission recommendations adopted establishing the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission to plan for the development of Front Range passenger rail service (SB17-153).

2022: Front Range Passenger Rail District created (SB21-238).



Next Steps

Planning

Complete Initial Service Development Plan

- Required by SB21-238
- Required by feds
- Builds the facts around a case for Front Range Rail
- Two year timeframe

Executive Committee

- Recruiting a General Manager
- Working through the necessary IGAs and MOUs needed to acquire and issue federal fund
- Adopting CO Special District Association recommendations as a tax district

Finance

- Finalize fund transfers from CDOT
- Disperse federal CRISI and RAISE grant funding to locals per prior arrangements.
- Apply for state appropriations and future federal grants

Communication/Govt Relations

Build relationships with the media and numerous stakeholders in the 10-county district:

- FRA
- STAC
- TRAC
- TC
- Amtrak
- BNSF
- UP
- Colorado Rail
- DRCOG
- PPACG
- PACOG
- SCCOG
- NFRMPO

Questions?

