



# Front Range Passenger Rail

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**FRPR** FRONT RANGE  
PASSENGER RAIL

# Planning a New Transportation Option for Colorado's Front Range



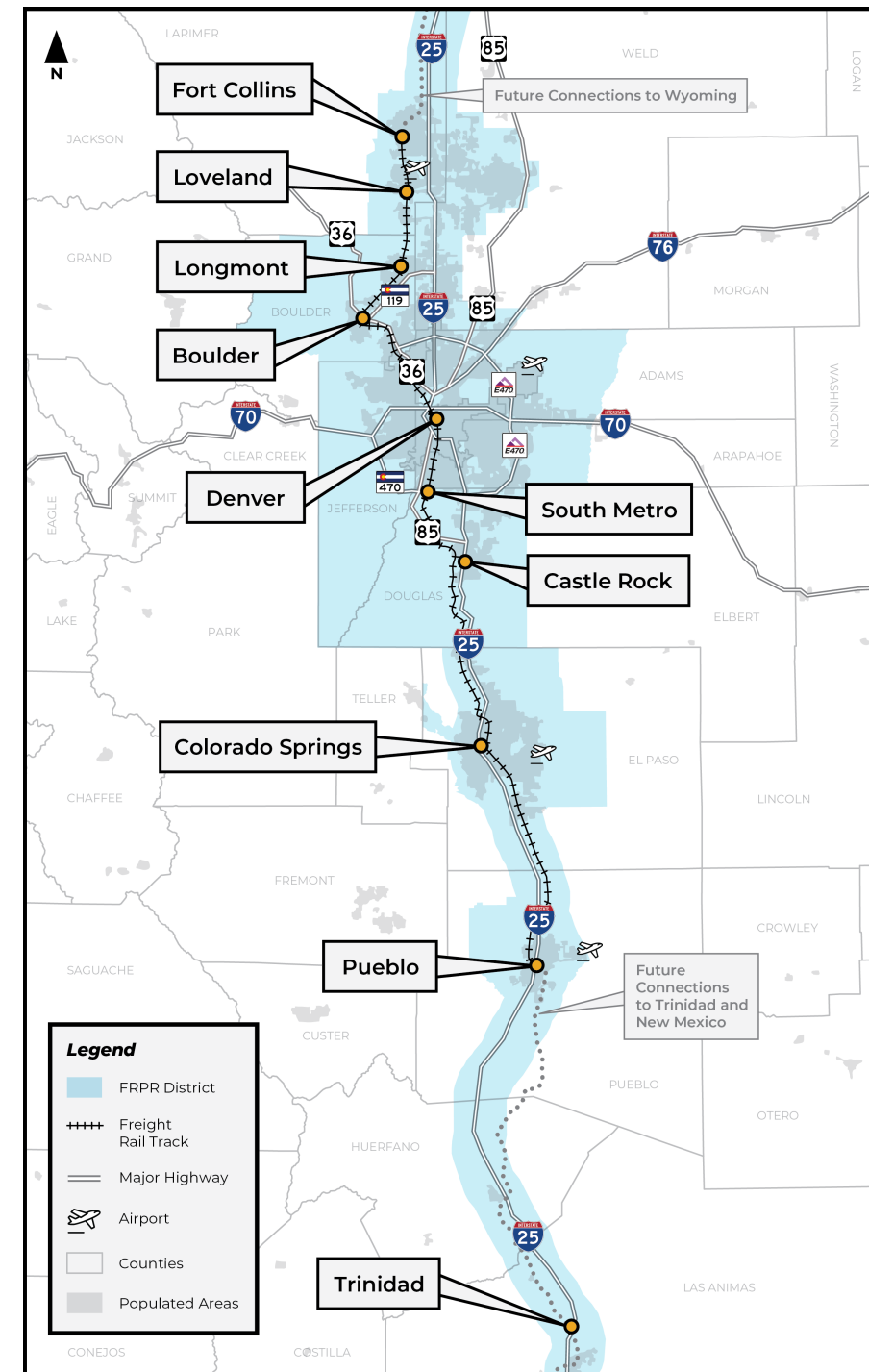
# What is Front Range Passenger Rail?

- ▶ **New intercity train service.**
- ▶ **Initial service:** Pueblo through Denver and north to Fort Collins, with stops along the way.
- ▶ **Long-term vision:** connecting to New Mexico and Wyoming.
- ▶ **Using existing tracks** shared with freight railroads to minimize costs and accelerate the service start date.



# What is the FRPR District?

- Created by Colorado Legislature in 2021
- Local government entity with the mission to finance, design, construct, operate a passenger rail service along the Front Range
- Following voter approval, can levy taxes to fund the rail system
- Working with local communities to support station development



# District Board of Directors

## MPO/TPR

### Representatives (10)

- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Council
- Pueblo Area Council of Governments
- South Central Council of Governments

## Governor Appointments (6)

### CDOT (1)

### Ex Officio (7)

- BNSF Railway
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Amtrak
- RTD
- I-70 Mountain Corridor Coalition
- State of New Mexico
- State of Wyoming

# Benefits of Intercity Passenger Rail



## Reliable Travel

Safe  
Reliable  
Travel Experience



## Connected Communities

Connecting the  
Front Range



## Economic Vitality

Support for local  
economies



## Sustainable Growth

Solutions for  
sustainability

# Commuter Rail

Connects suburbs to an urban core in one metropolitan area



# Intercity Rail

Connects cities across the state



2-4 Miles

STATION DISTANCE

20-30+ Miles

35-45 Miles Per Hour

AVERAGE SPEED

65-90 Miles Per Hour

20-75 Miles

SERVICE LENGTH

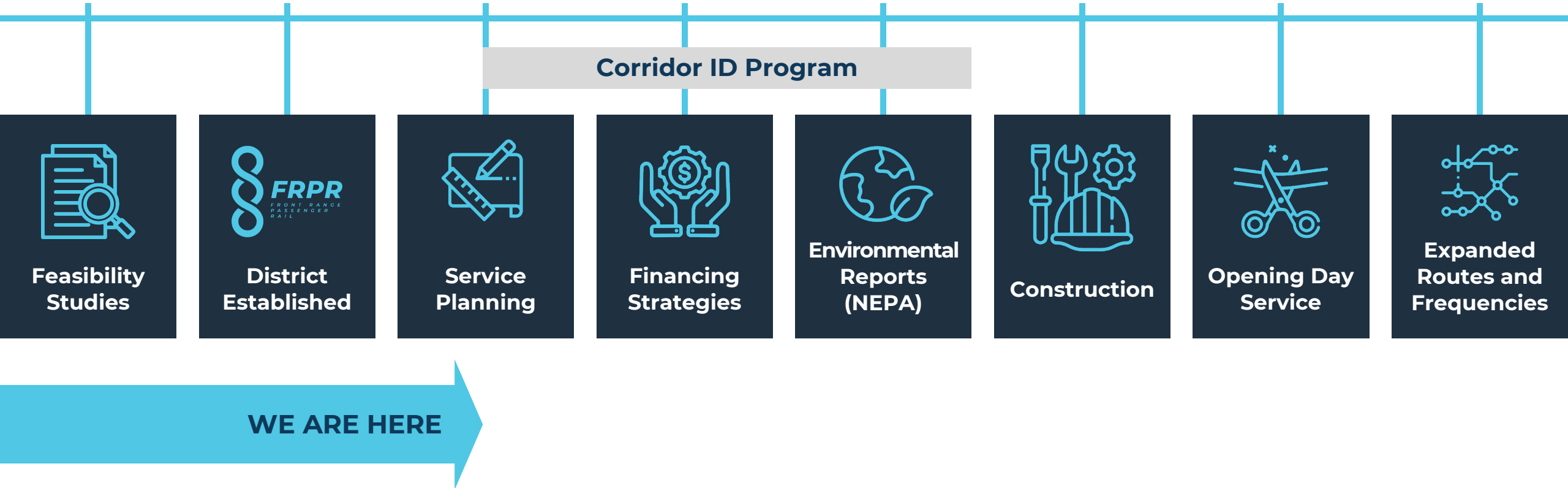
50-300+ Miles / < 750 Miles



**Where We Are Today**



# Route to Front Range Passenger Rail



# Service Development Plan



**Began Late 2022 and  
Concludes Mid/Late 2024**



**Pueblo to Fort Collins**



**Implementation Plan  
for Initial FRPR Service**

## **The SDP process defines:**

- Route
- Major Markets for Stations
- Service Frequency
- Onboard Amenities
- Fare Structure
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Costs and Financing Plan
- Implementation Plan

# Corridor Identification and Development Program (FRA)

- ▶ Intercity passenger rail planning program established through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
  - ▶ Creates a pipeline of projects ready for implementation
- ▶ Accepted into Program in December 2023
  - ▶ District received initial \$500,000 and eligibility for additional funding through grants
  - ▶ 90/10 federal/local match



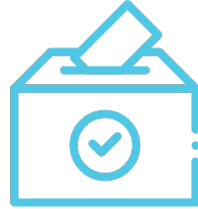
*Governor Polis speaking at CIDP Acceptance Event*

# Partnerships and Local Coordination



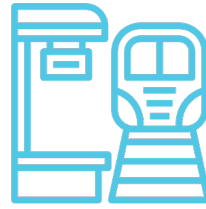
## Financial Support

- Local governments
- State legislature
- Governor's office
- Colorado DC delegation
- USDOT and FRA



## Generating Public Support for Ballot Measure

- Chambers of Commerce
- Environmental, Accessibility, Transportation and Equity organizations
- Local governments
- State legislature
- Governor's office



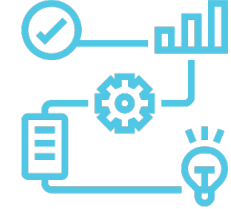
## Station Planning and Station Improvement Districts

- Local governments
- Downtown business organizations
- Landowners
- Developers



## Multimodal Connectivity

- Local governments
- MPOs/COGs
- CDOT
- Transit agencies



## Planning, Design, Engineering, Implementation

- Railroads
- FRA
- CDOT
- RTD

# 2024 Priorities

- **Collaborate with stakeholders** to inform a decision around ballot initiative
- **Build coalitions** for passenger rail
- **Coordinate with partners** to **meet Service Development Plan milestones** and **advance efficient environmental review** process
- **Implement coordinated communications** to build a brand and identity, educate the public, and solicit input regarding FRPR
- **Engage the State Legislature** around transportation policy discussions
- Pursue **federal funding** opportunities

# Comments?

Take our survey!

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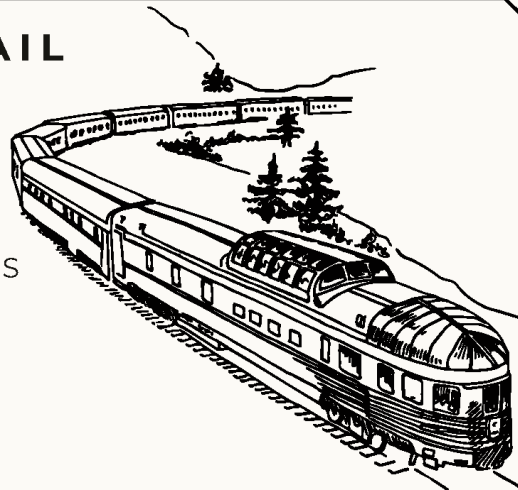
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LOVELAND	DENVER	COLORADO SPRINGS
LONGMONT	SOUTH METRO	PUEBLO



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