

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16**  
**OF THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT**  
**AMENDING THE PRIMARY STATION LOCATIONS FOR**  
**FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL; ESTABLISHING**  
**CRITERIA FOR SECONDARY STATION LOCATIONS; AND**  
**CONSIDERING SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-22-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (the “Act”), the Front Range Passenger Rail District (the “District”) was established as a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Colorado to research, develop, construct, operate, and maintain an interconnected passenger rail system within the front range extending from Wyoming to New Mexico (“Front Range Passenger Rail”) that is competitive in terms of travel time for comparable trips with other modes of surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, except as otherwise specifically provided, the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) exercises and performs all powers, privileges, and duties vested in or imposed upon the District in the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-22-105(1)(a)(II), C.R.S., the Board is also empowered to approve station locations for Front Range Passenger Rail; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”), in cooperation with the District, is currently completing a federal service development planning effort (the “SDP”) pursuant to Federal Railroad Administration (“FRA”) guidelines that contemplates the initial development of Front Range Passenger Rail intercity passenger rail service between Pueblo and Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously approved *Resolution No. 2024-12* designating nine locations as primary station locations for Front Range Passenger Rail along the recommended route between Pueblo and Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Senate Bill 24-184, the District subsequently entered into the *Intergovernmental Agreement for the Joint Service Executive Oversight Committee* by and among the District, CDOT, the Clean Transit Enterprise, the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise d/b/s the Colorado Transportation Investment Office, the Regional Transportation District, and the Governor of the State of Colorado to develop an implementation plan for starter service in the northwest rail corridor from Denver to Longmont, and extending it to Fort Collins (“Joint Service”); and

WHEREAS, the District, in continued collaboration with local governments and as part of the development of the implementation plan for Joint Service, has reevaluated the primary station locations and determined that three additional primary station locations should be added in Westminster, Broomfield, and Louisville, for a total of twelve primary stations; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in collaboration with local governments, also desires to expand the scope of possible locations for a primary station in Douglas County, and has determined that the primary station identified as “Castle Rock” should be changed to “Douglas County”; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to consider special event station locations at appropriate locations to increase car-free access for residents of the front range to attend major events on a temporary or as-needed basis, and desires to authorize the General Manager to investigate partnering toward the implementation of special event stations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-22-106(1)(h), C.R.S. and as part of the ongoing development of plans for the implementation of Joint Service, the District will continue to collaborate with local governments with respect to specific locations for each of the identified primary station locations; and

WHEREAS, although the District’s priority will be implementation of the identified primary station locations, the Board further recognizes there are opportunities for the addition of intercity rail stations in communities that have the potential to add significant additional ridership and connectivity, or to service densely populated residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board will, in its sole discretion, consider approval of additional stations in locations that meet the District’s primary station criteria and secondary station location criteria established in *Resolution No. 2024-12*, each of which the Board hereby desires to reaffirm; and

WHEREAS, it is also the District’s intent to extend Front Range Passenger Rail service south to the New Mexico border in the future, ultimately creating a seamless connection with the Southwest Chief in Trinidad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the District that:

1. The initial twelve (12) primary station locations for Front Range Passenger Rail along the recommended route include the following:

1. Fort Collins;
2. Loveland;
3. Longmont;
4. Boulder;
5. Louisville
6. Broomfield
7. Westminster
8. Denver;
9. Littleton;
10. Douglas County;

11. Colorado Springs; and
12. Pueblo.

2. The District will consider additional primary station locations in the future in locations that generally are:

1. located in, or within proximity of, major population center, defined as a population of 55,000 or greater within a 5-mile radius;
2. proximate to activity centers and offering economic and transit-oriented development opportunities;
3. generally not located within 10 miles of another primary station; and
4. offer a high level of multimodal transportation connectivity, including to local and regional transit systems, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

3. The District's criteria for consideration of secondary station locations will generally be locations that:

1. serve a population of 10,000 or greater within a 5-mile radius;
2. offer improved transportation connectivity, including to local and regional transit systems;
3. are generally not located within 5 miles of another primary or secondary station;
4. will not substantially interfere with FRPR operations during construction; and
5. will not adversely impact FRPR operations on an ongoing basis.

4. Special event stations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

5. This *Resolution No. 2025-16* hereby supersedes *Resolution No. 2024-12* in its entirety.

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2025.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Peck  
Secretary

## MEMORANDUM

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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To: Front Range Passenger Rail District Board of Directors

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From: Sal Pace, General Manager and Josh Laipply, Planning Committee Chair

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Subject: Amendment of Primary Stations

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the District Board of Directors' approval to amend Resolution No. 2023-16, *Approving the Route Recommendation for Front Range Passenger Rail*, to expand the number of Primary Stations from nine to twelve and to amend the name of the station previously identified as "Castle Rock" to "Douglas County". This amendment incorporates updated analysis and recommendations that have emerged from our ongoing work with the host railroads, CDOT, RTD and the Governor's Office. It adds the additional Joint Starter Service stations and ensures that the language aligns with the District's adopted resolution and current planning efforts.

### INTRODUCTION

In 2023, the Front Range Passenger Rail District's (District) Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 2023-16, *Approving the Route Recommendation for Front Range Passenger Rail*, thereby approving the FRPR intercity passenger rail service route from Fort Collins to Denver. North of Denver, the route follows the BNSF Freight Rail Alternative, also known as the BNSF Front Range Subdivision. South of Denver, the approved route follows the consolidated BNSF/UP mainline from Denver through Colorado Springs to Pueblo.

The Alternatives Evaluation, as well as the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)-required Service Development Plan (SDP) originally identified nine primary markets along this route. These nine markets reflect major population, employment and activity centers adjoining the FRPR route alignment. The primary market station locations originally approved by the Board were in the vicinity of the following communities:

- Fort Collins
- Loveland
- Longmont
- Boulder
- Denver
- Littleton
- Castle Rock
- Colorado Springs
- Pueblo

## **AMENDMENT TO PRIMARY STATION LOCATIONS**

As Joint Service has progressed, three additional stations – Westminster, Broomfield and Louisville – have been added to the Service Development Plan. While these stations were originally considered outside the scope of intercity passenger rail planning, continued partnership and coordination have identified opportunities to enhance connectivity, increase ridership and include the three selected stations on the Northwest Route.

As a result of this ongoing collaboration and the technical analysis conducted through the Service Development Plan, three additional market areas have been identified that meet the District’s established criteria for Primary Stations. The updated list of twelve proposed Primary Stations reflects current and projected population and employment growth, evolving regional travel demand and expanded opportunities for multimodal connectivity. These proposed additions strengthen coordination between FRPR and RTD services and support the implementation of a potential Joint Starter Service in the northern portion of the District.

The District is therefore proposing to amend the previously adopted nine primary station locations to twelve. This amendment recognizes the evolving conditions and ensures that FRPR service planning remains responsive to demographic and economic changes along the corridor. Additional stations through Joint Starter Service include:

- Louisville
- Broomfield
- Westminster
- In addition, the Castle Rock location is to be amended and renamed Douglas County.

Board approval of this amendment is requested to formally recognize the updated set of Primary Station locations and to maintain consistency between Board policy, the SDP and future implementation actions.

## **PRIMARY STATIONS**

Primary stations are the principal stations that serve major markets with large capture areas and high anticipated ridership. These stations will be served by FRPR. Local jurisdictions will be responsible for the funding, construction and maintenance of the station areas beyond the immediate FRPR platform; however, the District will provide a potential local tax share-back opportunity to support local station area development.

Additionally, SB21-238, *Creation of a Front Range Passenger Rail District*, grants the District authority, in partnership with local governments, to develop Station Improvement Districts to finance the construction, operation and maintenance of passenger rail stations.

Throughout the station planning process, it is the District’s intent to make coordination and implementation as efficient as possible with local government partners, including exploring all capital construction options and leveraging funding sources to help local governments realize the value stations bring to their communities.

## **PRIMARY STATION CRITERIA**

Primary stations should be located to support competitive travel times and increase ridership by generally meeting the following criteria:

- Located within the FRPR system corridor.
- In, or within proximity of, a major population center, defined as a population of 55,000 or greater within a 5-mile radius of the proposed location.
- Proximate to activity centers and offering economic and transit-oriented development opportunities.
- Generally, not located within 10 miles of another primary station.
- Offering a high level of multimodal transportation connectivity, including local and regional transit systems, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- The District will review and ensure consistency of this spacing criterion with the amended language of Resolution No. 2023-16 to reflect the updated station locations, which indicate some stations may be located within five miles of one another where justified by population density and connectivity needs.

## **RESOLVED**

The following communities will officially be named as the primary market station locations for Front Range Passenger Rail:

- Fort Collins
- Loveland
- Longmont
- Boulder
- Louisville
- Broomfield
- Westminster
- Denver
- Littleton
- Douglas County
- Colorado Springs
- Pueblo

## **CONCLUSION**

Through these criteria and proposed amendments, the District reaffirms its commitment to working collaboratively with local governments throughout the station planning process to finalize primary station locations and plan for potential secondary stations. The expansion from nine to twelve primary stations reflects the most current analysis and planning under the SDP. Approval of this amendment by the Board will ensure consistency across planning documents and maintain flexibility for future service expansion along the Front Range corridor.