

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18
OF THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUPPORT
EXECUTION OF THE DISTRICT'S BALLOT ACCESS PLAN**

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 north-south passenger rail system along Colorado's front range ("Front Range Passenger Rail" or "FRPR") that is competitive in terms of travel time for comparable trips with other modes of surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-22-109(1), C.R.S., before submitting a question to establish any District tax to the registered electors, the District is required to publish a proposed plan for Front Range Passenger Rail service and a detailed financing plan, and to make every reasonable effort to secure federal funding to support the development, financing, construction, operation, or maintenance of FRPR; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed and the Board of Directors has approved a comprehensive Ballot Access Plan to seek voter authorization to finance the establishment of an interconnected passenger rail system within the District, including all statutory prerequisites, stakeholder outreach, and public engagement required to place a ballot question before the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Ballot Access Plan includes a detailed scope of work and budget to (i) cultivate broad stakeholder and public support, (ii) meet all statutory requirements for ballot placement, (iii) advance service development planning, and (iv) prepare a detailed financing plan for passenger rail implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") has expressed its desire to support of the District's execution of the Ballot Access Plan by entering into an intergovernmental agreement ("Intergovernmental Agreement") under which it will provide funding of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to the District, distributed in two or more tranches (the "CDOT Funds"); and

WHEREAS, the CDOT Funds, together with existing District funds and other anticipated resources, will provide the necessary financial capacity for the District to execute the Ballot Access Plan as approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, entrance into the Intergovernmental Agreement is in the best interests of the District and will materially advance the District's statutory mission and strategic objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Finance and Executive Committees have been apprised of the general terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement and recommend that the District enter the Intergovernmental Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the General Manager of the District to negotiate, finalize, and enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with CDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT THAT:

1. Acceptance of CDOT Funds.

The District hereby formally accepts the CDOT Funds in the total amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), to be received in at least two tranches, the first being in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), for the purpose of funding execution of the District's approved Ballot Access Plan.

2. Designation of CDOT Funds.

Subject of the requirements of the Act, the CDOT Funds shall be used for purposes consistent with the District's approved Ballot Access Plan, or any other purposes agreed to in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

3. Confirmation of Resource Sufficiency.

The Board hereby confirms that, with the acceptance of the CDOT Funds together with existing District funds and other secured resources, the District has sufficient financial resources to fully execute the approved Ballot Access Plan.

4. Authorization of General Manager.

The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement and other actions necessary to receive and administer the CDOT Funds to execute the Ballot Access Plan in accordance with CDOT requirements under the Intergovernmental Agreement and applicable law.

APPROVED this 19th day of December 2025.



Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Peck
Secretary