



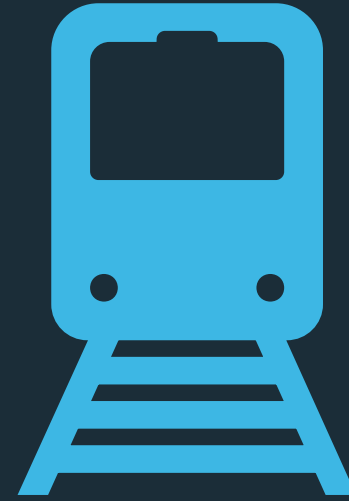
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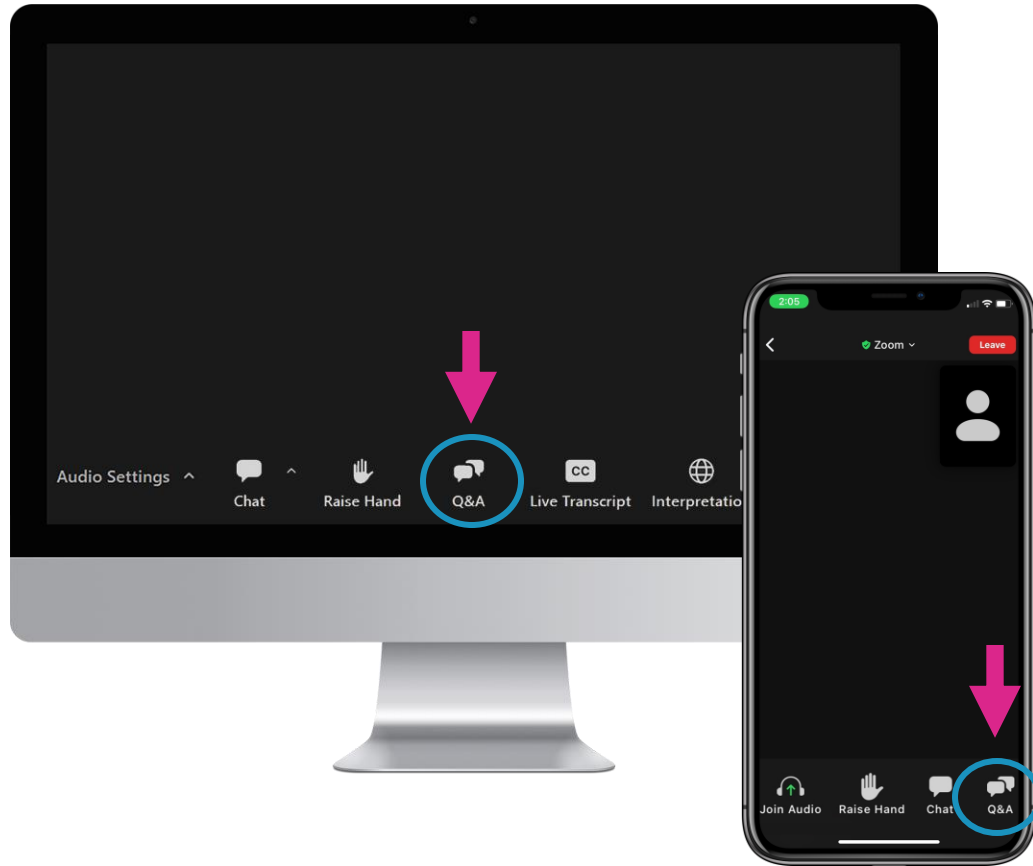
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Today We'll Cover



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What is FRPR

History and Prior Studies



Where We Are

FRPR District

Service Development Plan

- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives Analysis
- Analyses Underway



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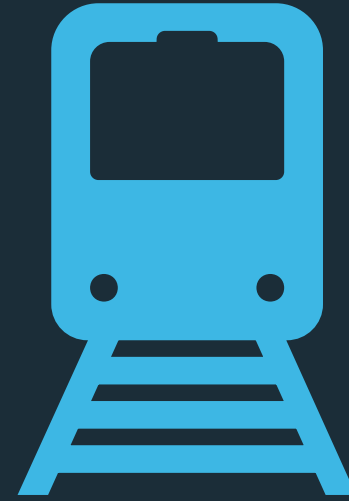


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Where
We've Been



What is Front Range Passenger Rail?

- **New inter-city 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.



Commuter Rail

Serves one metropolitan area connecting suburbs to an urban core.



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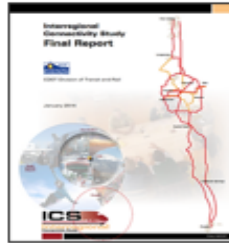
Inter-City Rail

Connects cities across the state.



2-4 Miles	STATION DISTANCE	20-30+ Miles
35-45 Miles Per Hour	AVERAGE SPEED	45-55+ Miles Per Hour*
20-75 Miles	SERVICE LENGTH	50-300+ Miles / < 750 Miles

History of Front Range Passenger Rail



- 10 Years of Visionary Planning
- 2010-2020



Rail Commission
2017



Service Development Plan Grant
2020



District Established
2021

- 2014
- Save the Chief



2020 Alternatives Analysis

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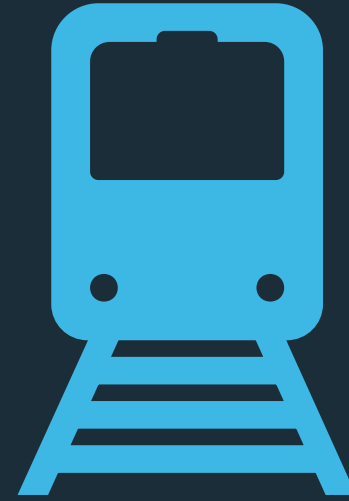


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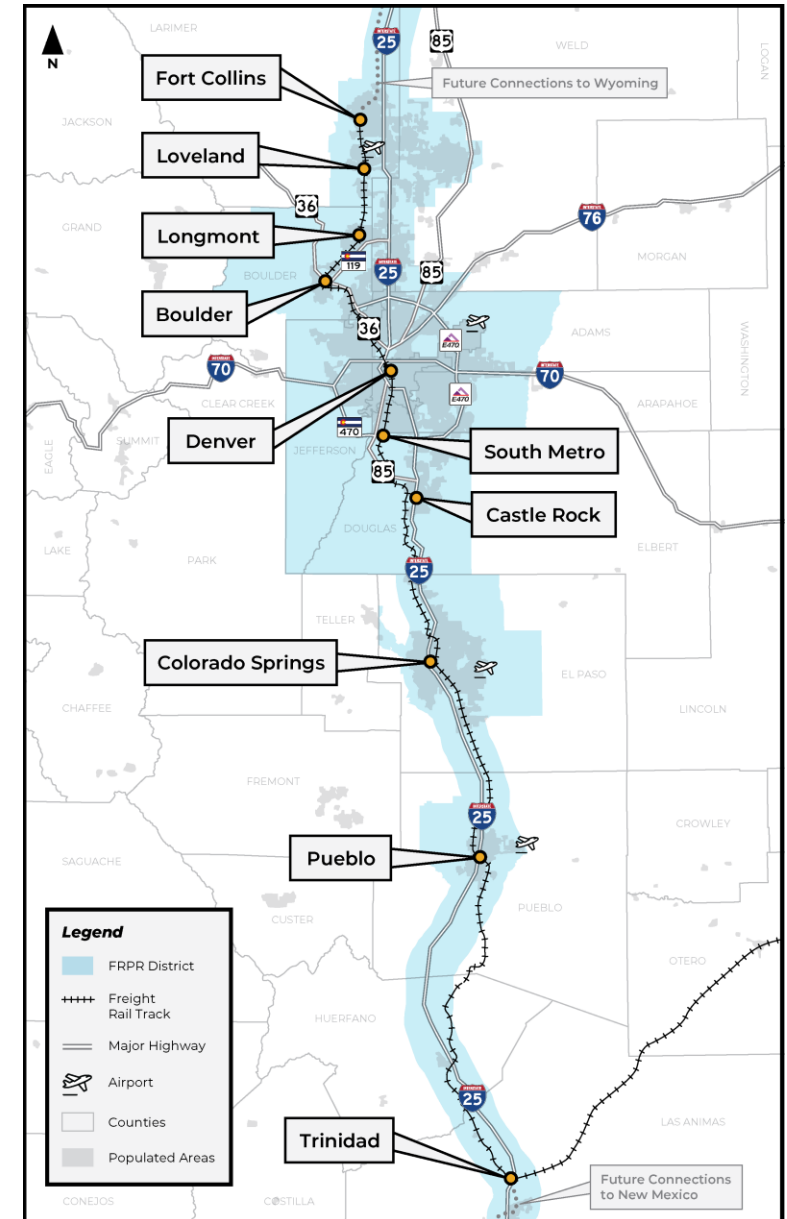
Hang tight! Responses are coming in.

Where
We Are



FRPR District

- ➡ Created by the Colorado Legislature in 2021.
- ➡ New local government with the mission to finance, design, construct, and 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.



Service Development Plan



Managed by CDOT



**Developed with and for
the Federal Railroad
Administration**



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

The SDP process defines:

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

Preliminary Purpose & Need

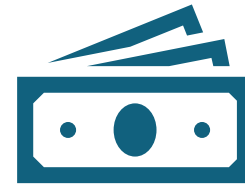
“Introduce intercity passenger rail service along Colorado’s Front Range urban corridor **between Pueblo and Fort Collins**, operating **within freight railroad corridors** and **predominantly using shared track** with the BNSF and UP railroads.”



**Improve Mobility and
Multimodal Travel
Options**



**Connect
Communities**



**Foster Economic
Vitality and
Equity**



**Support
Environmental
Sustainability Goals**

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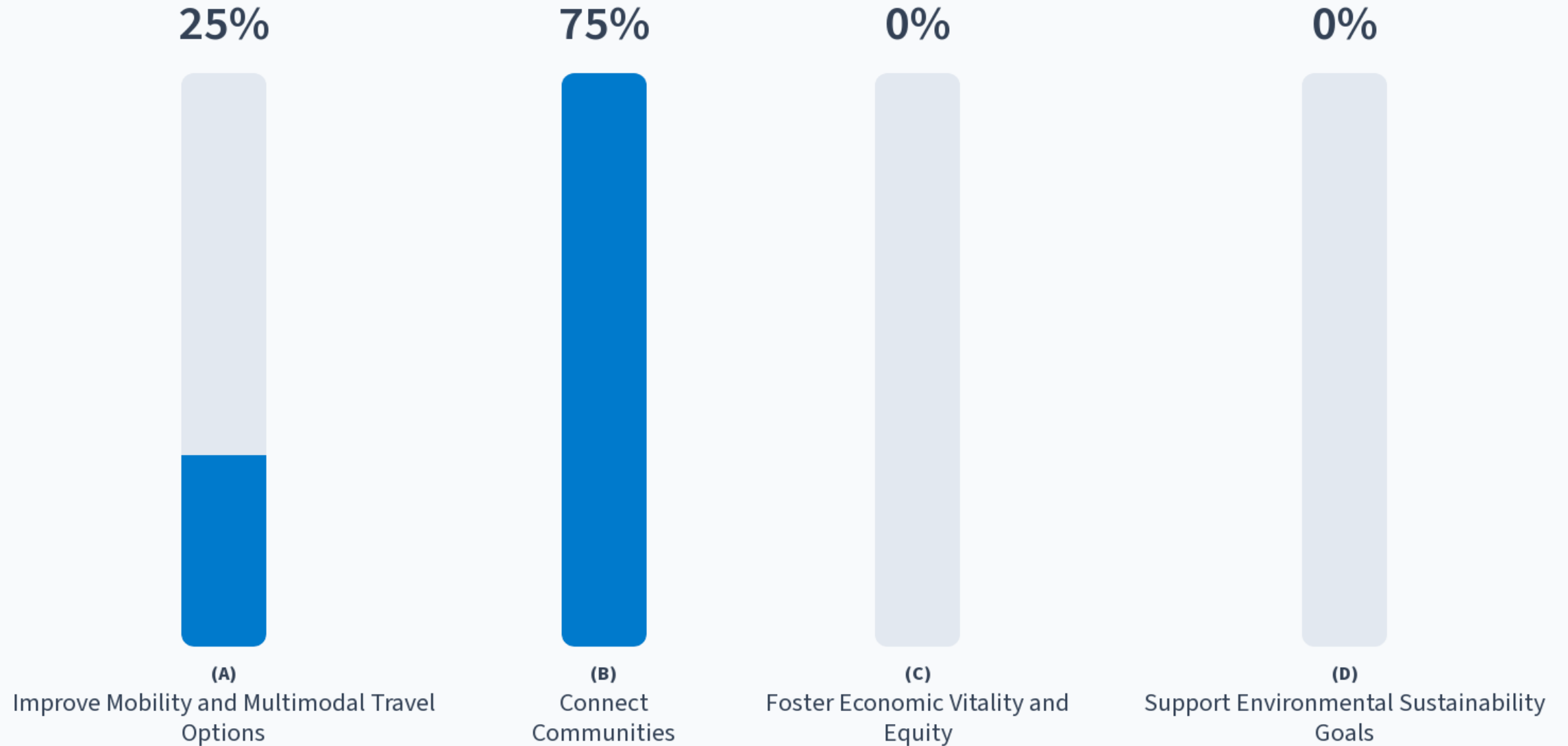
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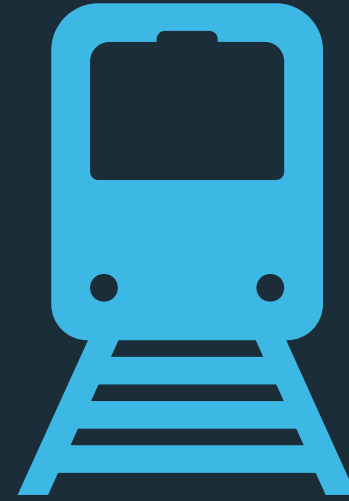
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Which of the needs resonate most with you?



In
Development



What We Know

- FRPR will interoperate predominantly on existing freight railroad tracks within existing corridors.
- Preliminary analyses demonstrate that FRPR could be a viable service, with comparable ridership and competitive travel times.
- Preliminary planning indicated that it is possible for FRPR to be operating within the next decade.



Alternative Analysis

Defines a preliminary range of reasonable alternatives or options.



Route, service, and investment options are compiled into the AA.



Available for public review in mid-2024. One alternative will be recommended to carry through the rest of the SDP process and then the NEPA process.

Additional Analyses Underway



Host Railroad Negotiations /
Operational Analysis



Revenue and Ridership

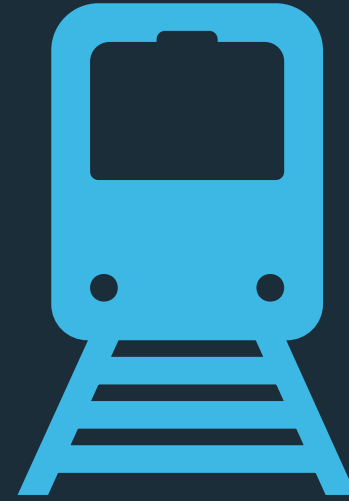


Station Area Outreach and Analysis



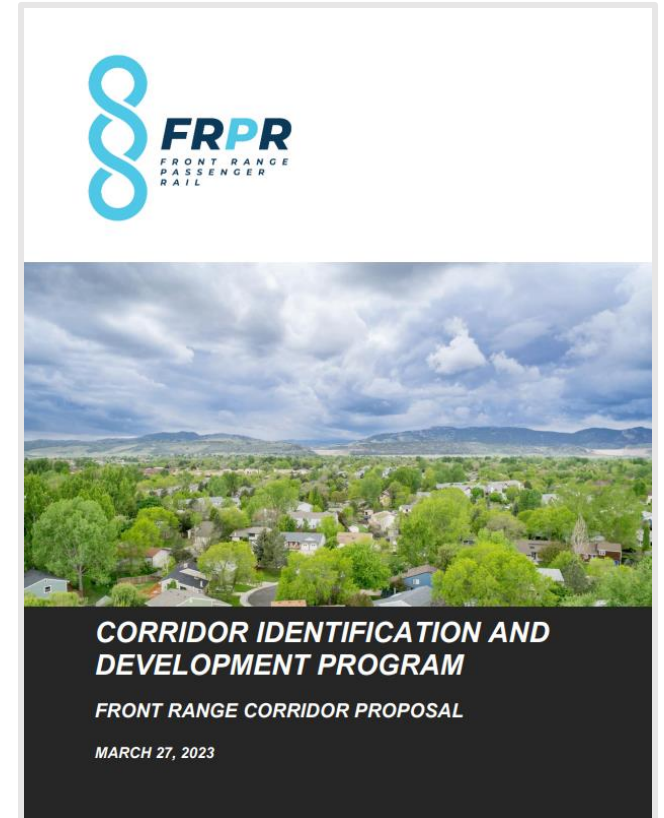
Environmental Context

Where
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Going



FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program

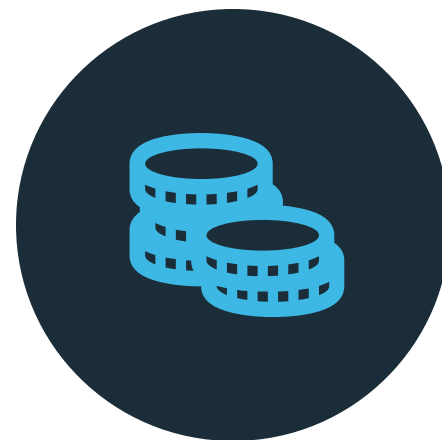
- Accepted into the program in December 2023.
 - The program will receive additional funding.
- Comprehensive inter-city passenger rail planning program.
 - Creates a pipeline of projects that are ready for implementation.
 - Opens millions of dollars in new funding with a 90/10 federal match.



Funding and Financing

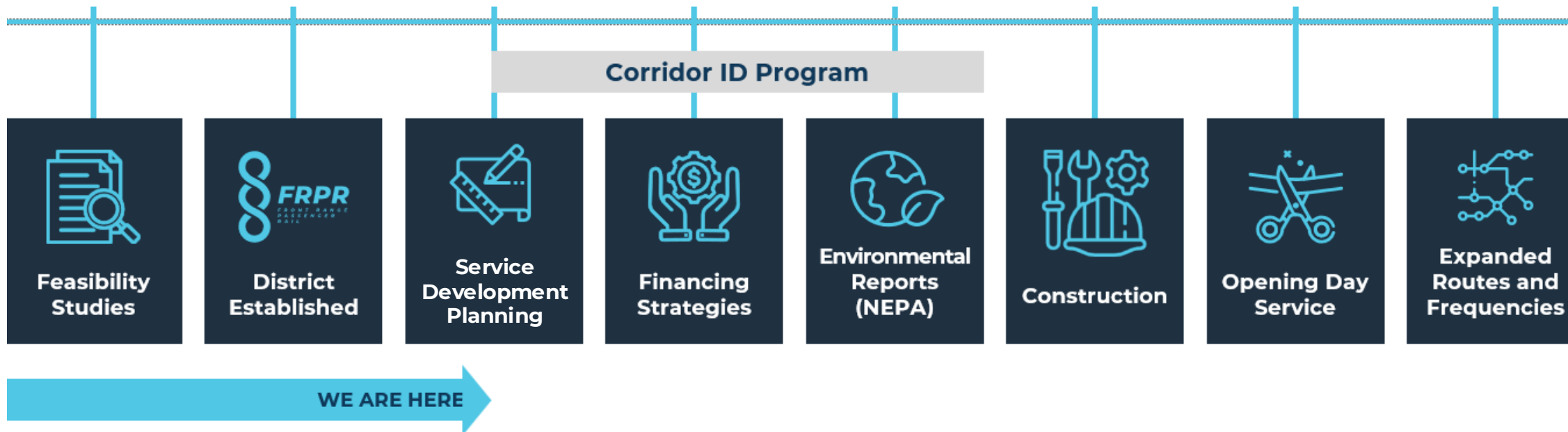


Initiating funding discussions with project leaders and stakeholders to advance FRPR.



Identifying a menu of funding and financing sources that could pay for the project through various stages.

Route to Front Range Passenger Rail



Ongoing Engagement Opportunities



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Conversations with community members and the public



Stakeholder interviews



Stakeholder segment and corridor-wide stakeholder meetings



FAQs and recorded presentation



Station area outreach



Community events

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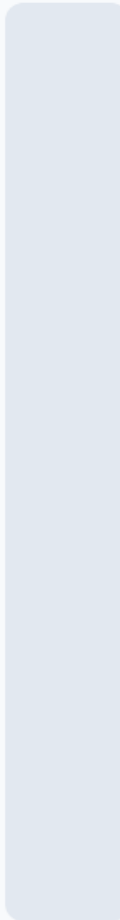
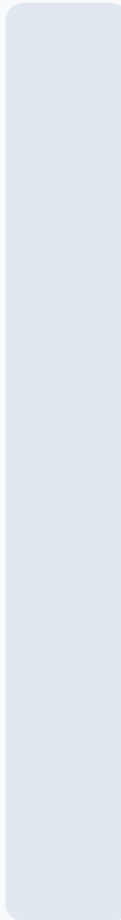
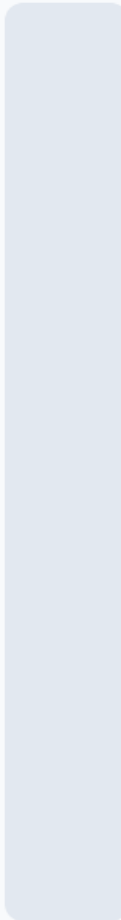
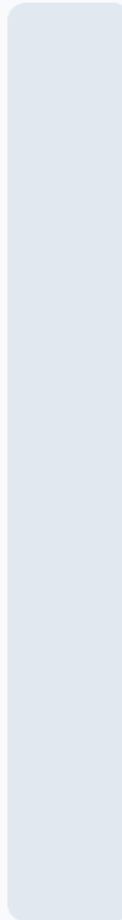
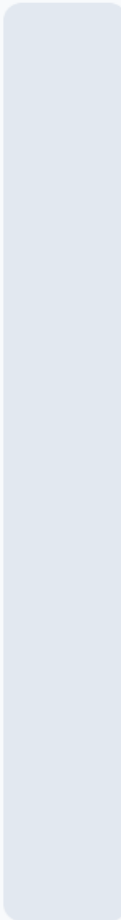
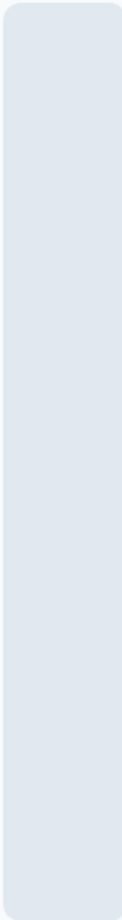
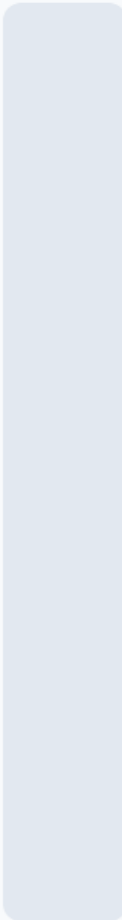
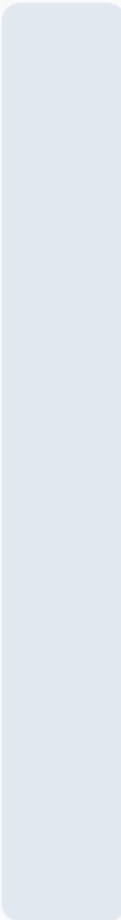
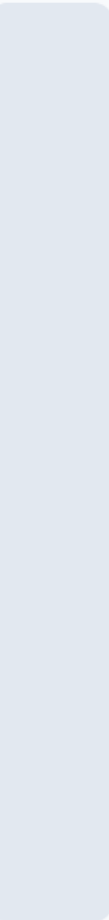
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Route

Schedule

Ridership

Stations

Fares

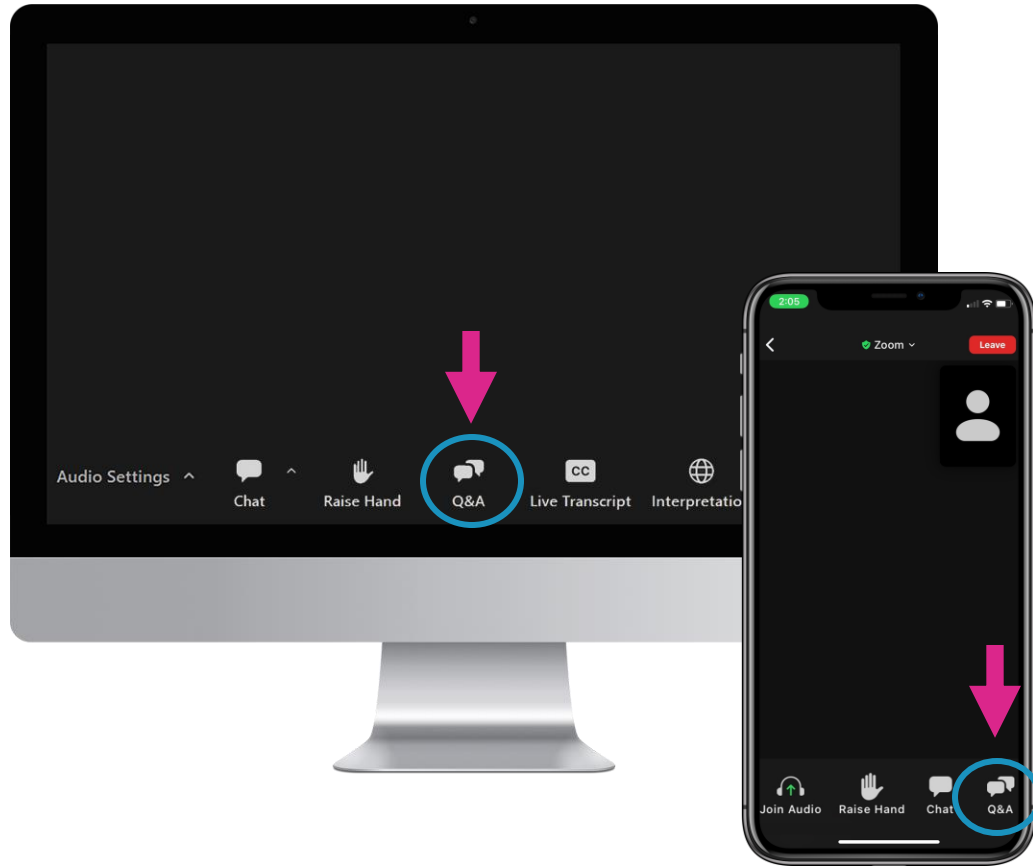
Project Cost

Project Funding

Technology

How to Get More Involved

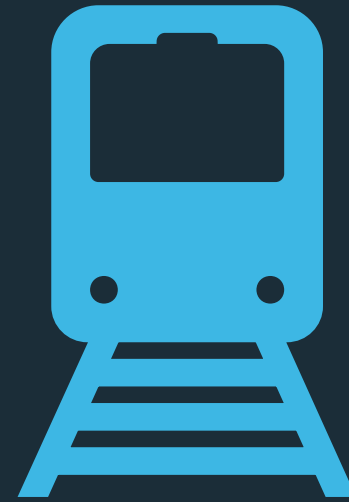
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