

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12
OF THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT**

**APPROVING THE PRIMARY STATION LOCATIONS FOR
FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL AND
ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR SECONDARY STATION LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 32-22-101, *et. seq.*, C.R.S. (the “Act”), established the Front Range Passenger Rail District (the “District”) 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, the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”), in cooperation with the District, is currently undertaking 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, in furtherance of Sections 32-22-105(1)(a)(II) and 32-22-106(1)(h), C.R.S., on December 11, 2023, the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) approved *Resolution No. 2023-16* identifying the recommended route for the development of Front Range Passenger Rail, which route will initially connect Pueblo and Fort Collins, via Colorado Springs, Castle Rock, Denver, Boulder, Longmont, and Loveland; 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 *2020 Front Range Passenger Rail Alternatives Evaluation Report*, as well as the ongoing SDP planning efforts, have identified nine (9) primary markets where Front Range Passenger Rail stations will be located; and

WHEREAS, these nine (9) primary markets also meet the District’s criteria for primary station locations, which consist of locations that 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; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these prior planning processes, nine (9) primary station locations have been identified for Front Range Passenger Rail, which include stations in the vicinity of the communities of:

1. Fort Collins;
2. Loveland;
3. Longmont;
4. Boulder;
5. Denver;
6. Littleton;
7. Castle Rock;
8. Colorado Springs; and
9. Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-22-106(1)(h), C.R.S., 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 initial nine (9) 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 secondary stations in locations that meet the District's secondary station location criteria; and

WHEREAS, the District's criteria for consideration of secondary station locations will 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Front Range Passenger Rail District that the Board of Directors hereby approves the nine (9) primary station locations identified in this Resolution as the initial station locations for Front Range Passenger Rail service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the criteria established by the District for the selection of secondary intercity passenger rail station locations, set forth above,

and directs the District to continue to work in collaboration with local governments who desire secondary stations in their communities.

APPROVED this 31st day of May 2024.

Christopher E Nevitt
Christopher E Nevitt (Jun 6, 2024 12:58 MDT)

Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Peck
Joan Peck (Jun 3, 2024 09:59 MDT)

Secretary

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