RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24
OF THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT
IDENTIFYING A STATION LOCATION SERVING NORTHERN COLORADO SPRINGS

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 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 Board previously approved *Resolution No. 2024-12* setting forth the District's criteria for consideration of primary and secondary station locations, and designating nine locations as primary station locations for Front Range Passenger Rail along the recommended route between Pueblo and Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the Board subsequently approved *Resolution No. 2025-16* in which it determined that as part of the implementation plan for starter service in the northwest rail corridor from Denver to Fort Collins ("Joint Service"), it was appropriate to add three additional primary station locations, for a total of twelve primary stations; and

WHEREAS, community engagement this spring, through townhalls and outreach events, revealed many residents in the northern Colorado Springs area (approximately 371k out of 476k total) are hesitant to travel south to a downtown Colorado Springs station generally; and

WHEREAS, analysis shows a northern Colorado Springs station would provide a more convenient and intuitive location for approximately one-third to one-half of those residents in the northern Colorado Springs area (~223k-314k – includes residents outside of the City); and

WHEREAS, development of a station in northern Colorado Springs would solve for the counterintuitive travel of 10 or more miles south to catch a train going north, thereby removing the reverse commute condition with a downtown station alone and thereby meaningfully increasing ridership; and

WHEREAS, the next stop along the I25 corridor north of Colorado Springs does not occur until downtown Denver approximately 71 miles to the north, following the decision by

Castle Rock to not host a station and the District's approval of Sterling Ranch along US85 as the service location in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, analysis shows a northern Colorado Springs station would open Front Range Passenger Rail services to an additional 30,000-31,000 residents who otherwise reside too far away to easily access any station, meaning a population of 345k residents in total would benefit from a station location serving northern El Paso County, which has a higher growth rate compared to both Colorado Springs overall and the entire District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs (the "City") supports the District's proposal to study potential station locations and has an interest for a service option in the northern Colorado Springs and El Paso County area; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that a station location should be identified in the northern Colorado Springs area, subject to adequate ridership, revenue, and compliance with the District's criteria for consideration of station locations as approved in *Resolution No. 2024-12*; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires the General Manager and District staff to work alongside the City and other local governments in accordance with Section 32-22-106(1)(h), C.R.S., as well as with Class 1 carriers and relevant property owners to study options for a northern Colorado Springs station, including potential locations, technical feasibility, and implementation.

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

1. The addition of a station location in the northern Colorado Springs area is approved, subject to the conditions identified in this Resolution.

2. The General Manager and District staff shall work alongside the City, other local governments, Class 1 carriers, and relevant property owners to study options for a northern Colorado Springs station, including potential locations, technical feasibility, and implementation.

APPROVED this 26th day of June 2026.

Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Peck

Secretary