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Associate Administrator  
Office of Railroad Policy and Development

RE: Corridor ID Program - Colorado Front Range Passenger Rail District Expression of Interest  
Docket # FRA-2022-0031

The Front Range Passenger Rail District respectfully submits this Expression of Interest per the Notice of establishment; request for expressions of interest as per FRA [Docket No. FRA-2022-0031] to the Federal Railroad Administration regarding the Amtrak proposed Pueblo to Fort Collins, Colorado new corridor by Amtrak Connect US Proposal.

The name and contact information for this Expression of Interest is the Front Range Passenger Rail District is James Souby, Board Chairman ([jsouby@comcast.net](mailto:jsouby@comcast.net)) 303-887-9996, and David Singer, Assistant Director of Passenger Rail ([david.singer@state.co.us](mailto:david.singer@state.co.us)) 303-757-9878.

The description of the entity submitting the Expression of Interest is the Front Range Passenger Rail District, a regional passenger rail authority and a political subdivision of the state of Colorado. The FRPR was created by the state legislature as a desire to further the plans of passenger rail along the Front Range. The new passenger rail line is part of the state rail plan.

The Front Range Passenger Rail District, in coalition with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and whose board membership includes Wyoming and New Mexico, look forward to submitting a proposal on this vital new proposed corridor. This Front Range corridor also aligns with Amtrak's vision for corridor expansion. Together, all stakeholders look forward to working with the FRA on this project.

This expression aligns with an existing FRA 2020 CRISI grant award. CDOT is the grantee and project sponsor for a preliminary service development plan and alternatives analysis that will examine the feasibility of a starter service on behalf of the Front Range Passenger Rail District.

Colorado acknowledges and endorses FRA's fourteen considerations for CIDP participation. It will incorporate each factor into the upcoming planning process.

Please feel free to contact either of us should FRA have any questions.