

**Resolution #22-F001**

**Recognition of Prior Fiscal Commitments Made by Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission; and**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission (Rail Commission) was created by the state legislature in SB17-153; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) helped manage the Rail Commission funding per direction from the Rail Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Rail Commission pledged a local match funding of \$159,000 for the 2019 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grant (CRISI), for the Southwest Chief Thru-Car Alternative Analysis, a technical analysis evaluating potential new rail service, including ridership analysis where necessary capital improvements for new service will be identified; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 and [2021](#) the Rail Commission pledged [\\$25,000](#) and [\\$1,620,000](#) of Rail Commission dollars for the 2020 CRISI grant for the Front Range Passenger Rail Preliminary Service Development Plan and Alternatives Analysis; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Rail Commission entered into a Memorandum Of Understanding with CDOT which identified that CDOT will administer grants and oversee the consultants for both feasibility studies; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Rail Commission pledged \$12,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding (via SB 260) and another \$20,000 of match funding for the 2021 RAISE grant for signal and infrastructure improvements to the BNSF La Junta Subdivision, for the benefit of the Southwest Chief; and

WHEREAS, per CRS 32-22-110(1) the Front Range Passenger Rail District is the successor to the contractual rights and obligations of the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission; and

Whereas, the total prior fiscal commitments made by the Rail Commission, as of July 1, 2022, is \$13,824,000 and is detailed out as follows:

- a) \$159,000 for the SWC Thur-Car study match,
- b) \$1,645,000 for the FRPR Service Development Plan match,
- c) \$12,020,000 for the Southwest Chief La Junta subdivision Corridor Improvements project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Front Range Passenger Rail District hereby recognizes the contractual rights and obligations of the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission and will work with all relevant stakeholders to

