

RESOLUTION 2026-090  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
SUPPORTING THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL  
DISTRICT'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED FORT  
COLLINS STATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PASSENGER  
RAIL SERVICE ALONG THE FRONT RANGE

A. The Front Range Passenger Rail District ("FRPRD") was established as a corporate and political subdivision of the State of Colorado to research, develop, construct, operate, and maintain an interconnected passenger rail system along the Front Range extending from Wyoming to New Mexico.

B. The development of a Front Range passenger rail system represents a significant regional investment in transportation infrastructure designed to serve current and future generations of Coloradans.

C. Front Range Passenger Rail is intended to connect residents and visitors to employment centers, housing opportunities, colleges and universities, medical facilities, and entertainment destinations throughout the Front Range.

D. Colorado's Front Range population is projected to approach seven million residents in the coming decades, increasing demand on existing transportation systems and exacerbating congestion along Interstate 25, one of the state's most heavily traveled and consistently congested corridors.

E. Passenger rail offers a reliable, efficient, and sustainable transportation alternative that can reduce vehicle miles traveled, alleviate roadway congestion, and contribute to improved air quality and environmental outcomes.

F. The Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT"), the FRPRD, and the Class I freight railroads spent the last four years extensively studying the operational feasibility of using existing rail infrastructure, enabling near-term passenger service while maximizing the use of existing assets.

G. Initial passenger rail service is anticipated to begin as early as 2029, providing a timely response to growing transportation needs.

H. Pending voter approval service will be expanded up to 10 round trips per day from Pueblo to Fort Collins and with station area buildout and development.

I. The FRPRD has conducted public outreach through town hall meetings, City Council presentations, and digital engagement, providing citizens with meaningful opportunities to ask questions, offer input, and engage with FRPRD board members and staff.

J. The inclusion of a passenger rail station in the City of Fort Collins has the potential to enhance transportation options, increase community vibrancy, support economic development, advance the creation of transit oriented development, and generate increased activity in the hospitality, retail, and service sectors.

K. The FRPRD has committed to providing direct payments annually over a period of 25 years to the City of Fort Collins to support the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a passenger rail station, first-mile, last mile connectivity, and related amenities.

L. The FRPRD has committed to increasing annual payments to the City of Fort Collins by 10% annually by proactively approving a station area narrative.

M. Before referring a ballot measure to the citizens of the FRPRD, the FRPRD must provide accurate narratives of each proposed station's area to the voters.

N. The City's plans align with FRPRD goals including explicit alignment with City Plan Policy T 4.7 – Future Passenger Rail – aiming to incorporate future opportunities for commuter passenger rail or other intercity rail-transit connections along existing or new rail corridors between Fort Collins, Denver and other North Front Range cities, per the 2017 Senate Bill and 2011 North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement.

O. Additional City plans align with FRPRD goals including City Plan Principle EH 5 to engage and help shape regional economic development efforts; Policy EH 5.4 regarding Regional Infrastructure to actively participate in conversations with other municipalities, organizations and regional leaders to collaborate on upgrading transportation and other regional infrastructure; Principle ENV 4 to protect human health and the environment by continually improving air quality; Policy ENV 4.6 regarding Vehicles and Non-Road Engines to promote efforts to reduce fuel consumption and associated pollutant emissions from vehicles and non-road engine sources, such as lawn and garden equipment; Principle T 4 to pursue regional transportation solutions; and Our Climate Future Big Move 4 regarding Convenient Transportation Choices to make it safe, easy, fast and affordable to get around without a car.

P. The City has shown support for development of rail service along the Front Range and cooperation among communities by adopting previous resolutions, including Resolutions 1996-102, 2000-045, 2025-055, 2025-092, and 2025-093.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. City Council formally adopts Exhibit A, the narrative describing the City's station area location, planning efforts to date, and anticipated post-ballot planning. The FRPRD may share this narrative publicly to reflect the City's current understanding

of station area conditions and planning direction. The narrative is non-binding and remains subject to refinement through future local decision-making processes.

Section 2. City Council supports the continued efforts of the FRPRD to plan, develop, and implement passenger rail service along the Front Range of Colorado.

Section 3. City Council affirms its support for ongoing public education and engagement efforts by the FRPRD to ensure that residents of the City of Fort Collins are informed about the proposed system, including proposed station-area, its benefits, costs, and anticipated impacts.

Section 4. City Council expresses its support for the inclusion of a passenger rail station within the City of Fort Collins if a ballot measure is passed by the voters of the FRPRD, recognizing the potential economic, mobility, and community benefits associated with such an investment.

Section 5. City Council encourages continued coordination among the FRPRD, CDOT, host freight railroads, and local governments.

Section 6. City Council directs staff to continue working collaboratively with the FRPRD on station planning, land use coordination, infrastructure integration, and opportunities to maximize local economic benefit.

Section 7. City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the FRPRD as evidence of the City's support of the project and station-area development.

Passed and adopted on June 16, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: June 16, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Narrative describing the Fort Collins station that anchors the northern end of the Colorado Connector