



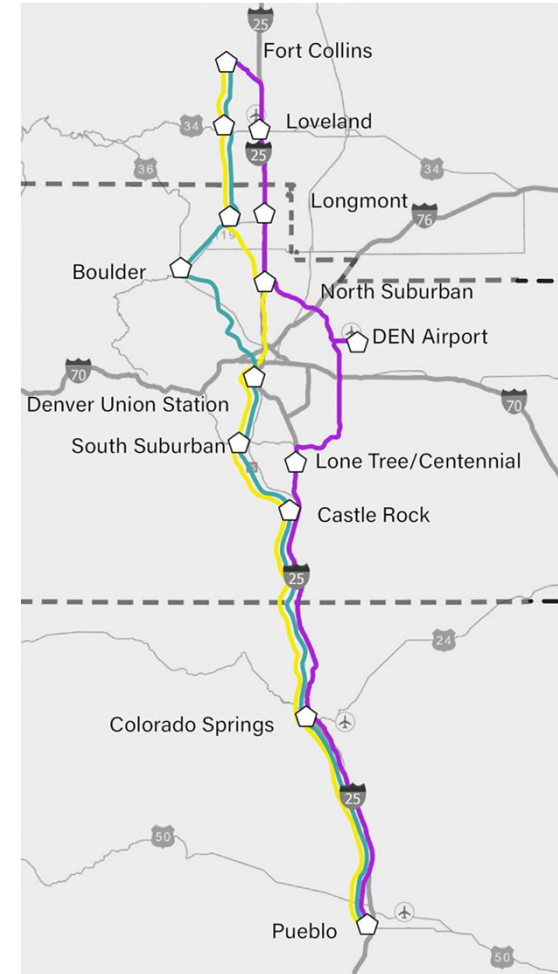
SOUTHWEST CHIEF & FRONT RANGE
PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION

**Joint Transportation SMART Act Hearing
January 27th, 2021**



Long Range Vision

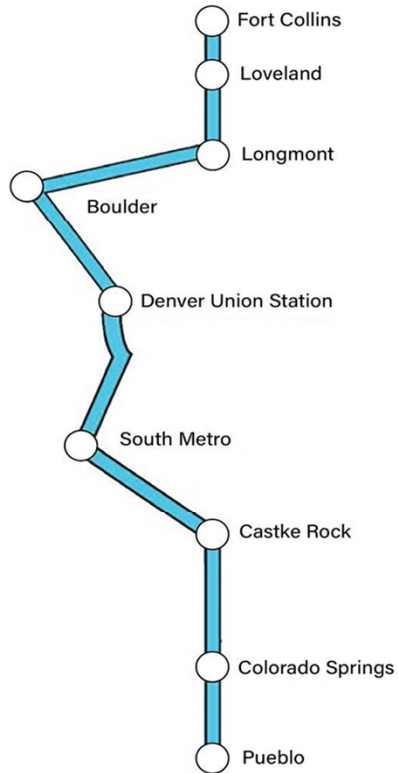
- 180 miles, dedicated double track
- Three technically feasible alignments (one yet to be designated as preferred)
- Stations: Nine with option for secondary stations
- Round trips: 24 weekdays/ 18 weekends
- Up to 2.2m annual ridership
 - Strongest pairing is between Denver-Boulder
 - Highest demand for commuter trips but also for recreational & special events
- Max Speeds: 90-110 mph
- Travel time: 2.5-3 hours (end to end)



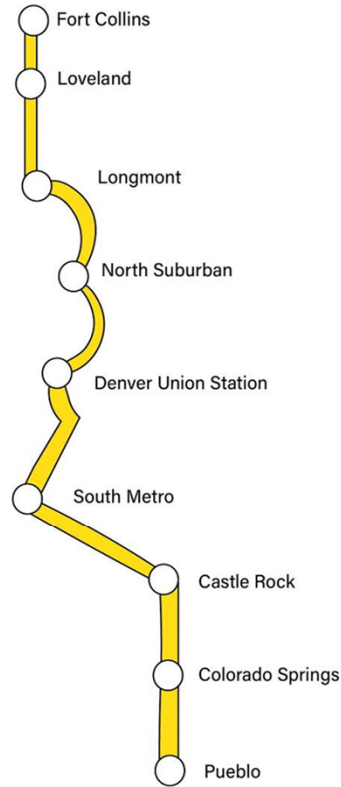
Three Alignments



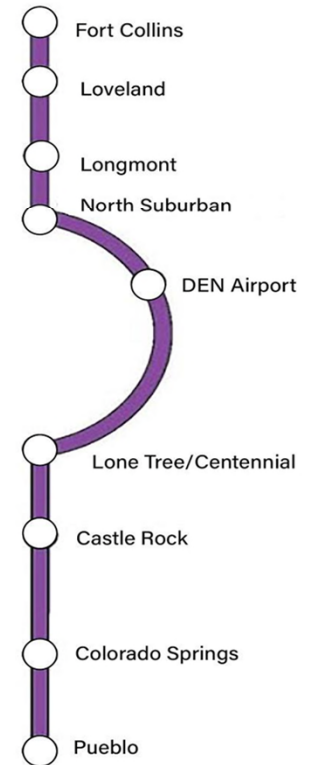
BNSF FREIGHT RAIL ALIGNMENT



BNSF FREIGHT RAIL + I-25 COMMUTER RAIL ALIGNMENT



I-25/E-470 HIGHWAY ALIGNMENT





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Front Range Passenger Rail Has Momentum!



- Three different survey mechanisms show measurable support for advancing FRPR
 - Segment Coalition meetings (North, Central, and South) have been held over the course of the last two years to gather community input and support
- Legislative and local elected interest
 - Governance options possible in 2021
- Amtrak interest
 - Funding (\$2.1b) approved in previous year's House Transportation Reauthorization Bill, expect continued support in the recently convened Congress
- Class 1 RR interest
 - Coordinating meetings every 6 weeks
- Potential Partnership Opportunities
 - Coordinating meetings with RTD every 6 weeks
 - 2 successful planning grants in progress from FRA