

Regional-Commuter Bus Plan Development



STAC
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RCB Plan



CDOT Mission: *“...provide the best multi modal transportation system...”*

- **DTR enabling legislation (SB 09-094)**
 - **“...responsible** for the planning, development, **operation, and integration** of transit and rail...into the statewide transportation system;
 - Shall, in **cooperation with other transit and rail providers**, plan, promote and implement investments in transit and rail services **statewide...**
 - To establish and modify **fares and schedules** for transit, passenger rail and advanced guideway services **provided directly by the state or contracted for by the state...**
 - **Expend state and federal funds that may be dedicated by law...for the construction, maintenance, and operation of interregional transit...**”

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- **RCB Sub-Committee**
 - Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) representatives
 - Linked transit agencies/entities
 - CDOT/DTR staff
- **Committee Assignment**
 - Assist DTR in final development of the RCB Plan
 - ✦ Service plan development
 - ✦ Review cost estimates and revenue projections
 - ✦ Assist in vehicle and service provider procurement document preparation
 - ✦ Local partnership agreement (IGA) development
 - ✦ Outreach/information dissemination plan development

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Process/Next Steps

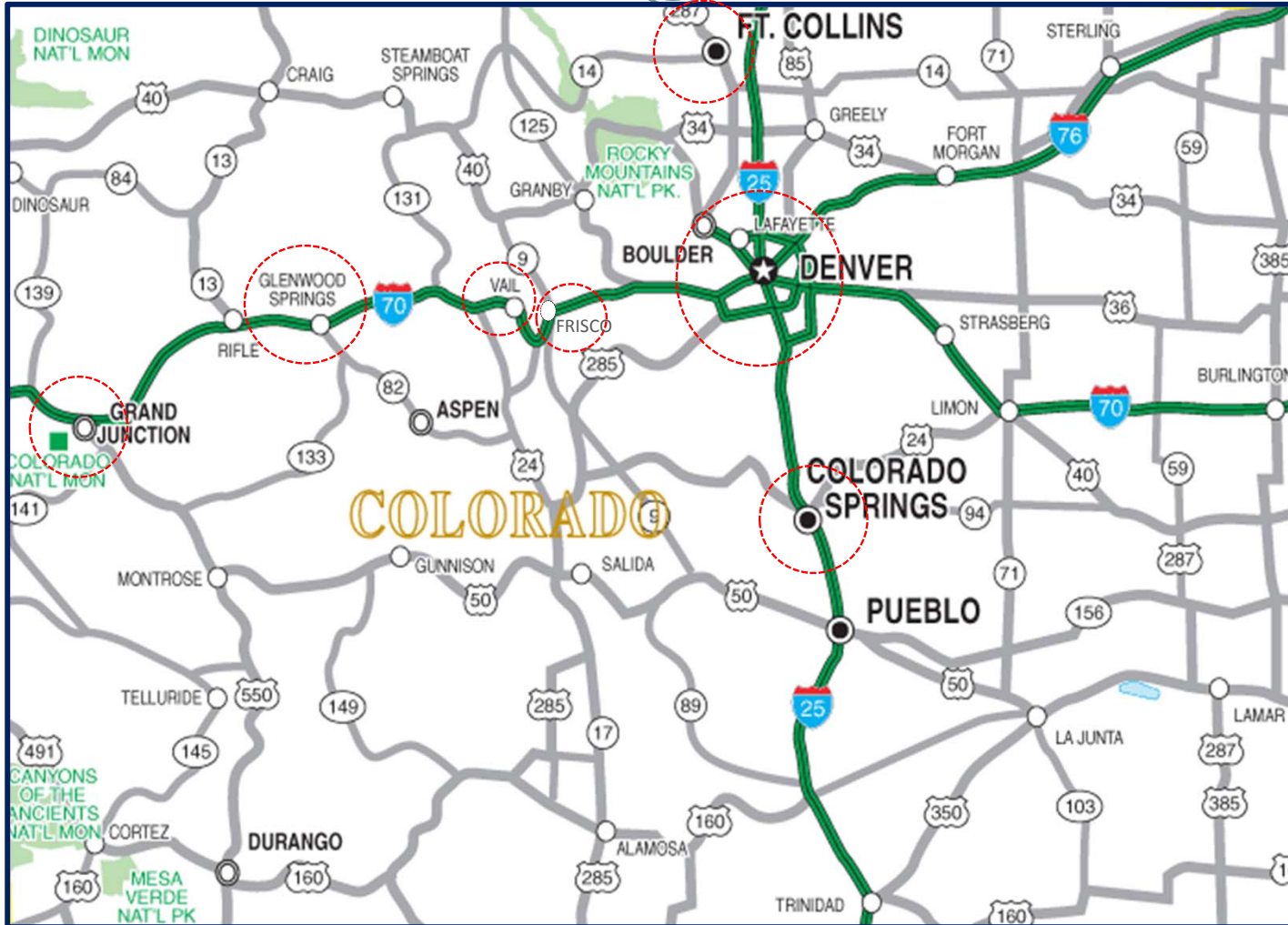
- Develop/finalize RCB Plan: January-May 2013
- T&I (STAC) progress report/input: March 21, 2013
- TPR/MPO/others Briefings: February-May 2013
- TC approve RCB Plan: May/June 2013
- Implement RCB Plan: summer 2013-summer 2014
 - Public meetings
 - Execute local partnership IGAs
 - Purchase buses
 - Contract for operations and maintenance
- **Begin Service: summer/fall 2014**

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- **RCB Plan objective**
 - **CDOT becomes a transit operator**
 - ✦ **Begins to fulfill multimodal transportation system Mission**
 - **Adds integral elements of statewide transit network**
 - ✦ **Culture shift for CDOT**
 - **Connect communities/bridge service gaps**
 - ✦ **Connect population & employment centers**
 - ✦ **Connect local transit systems for collection/distribution**
 - ✦ **Capitalize on local transit system major investments**
 - **MAX, VelociRFTA, FasTracks, DUS, I-70 transit centers**
 - **Limited funds – FASTER Statewide \$10M/year**
 - ✦ **Significant capital needs – top priority**
 - ✦ **Sustainable operating funds – capped budget**

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- **RCB parameters to fulfill objectives**
 - **FASTER operating funds - \$2.5M/year estimated**
 - ✦ **CDOT to operate RCB service**
 - ✦ **No local entity operating assistance**
 - **Peak period commuter express service**
 - ✦ **Fast/minimize travel times**
 - ✦ **Limited stops/significant spacing**
 - ✦ **Utilize park-and-rides for broad local access**
 - **Interstate/expressway/HOV, managed lanes**
 - ✦ **I-25/Ft. Collins to DUS – EIS/ROD element**
 - ✦ **I-25/Colorado Springs to DUS – FREX experience**
 - ✦ **I-70 (6th Ave)/Mountain Corridor – no alternative**

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- **RCB parameters to fulfill objectives (continued)**
 - Maximize fare box recovery
 - ✦ Goal to exceed 50%
 - ✦ Fare structure – approx. \$0.15/mile
 - ✦ Farebox recovery perspective
 - Local transit: $\pm 20\%$
 - Intercity bus: $\pm 100\%$ (profitable)
 - RCB goal: $\pm 50\%$ (goal)
 - Expand service as demand builds & farebox revenue allows

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FASTER Statewide Transit Funds

- Sustainable annual funding source
- \$2.5 M/year (estimated) for RCB operations
 - No local match requirements
- Vehicle fleet (14) : \$7.5 M
 - \$2.1 M – SB 1 Transit
 - \$0.5 M – FREX escrow account
 - Explore MAP-21 possibilities
 - Remainder – FASTER Statewide Transit funds

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Local Partnerships

- Integrate RCB with local transit systems
- Develop local partnership agreements (IGAs)
 - Service integration/interface (transfers)
 - Station access
 - Customer service/ticketing
 - Park and ride limitations
 - Maintenance offers
 - Marketing & Advertising

Statewide Intercity & Regional Bus Network Study



- **Update Intercity Bus Plan**
 - Integrate with regional bus system
- **Input to Statewide Transit Plan**
- **Regional Bus Elements**
 - Support RCB development
 - ✦ Ridership/demand estimates
 - ✦ Service plan input
 - ✦ Cost & revenue input/review
 - ✦ Partnership agreement assistance
 - Full I-70 corridor assessment
 - RCB future phase recommendations
 - ✦ Funding requirements

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Questions

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