

RESOLUTION 5563 – ENDORSING FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DEVELOPMENT



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

30th SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SENATE

04/29/2026

RESOLUTION #5563
Endorsing Front Range Passenger Rail Development

NOTICE: *A signature to sponsor means that you only wish for the legislation to be heard, a signature to endorse means that you support the contents and/or actions of this legislation.*

WRITTEN BY: BrookeLyn M. Reese, ASCSU Speaker of the Senate; Giovanni Falbo, ASCSU Parliamentarian;

COLLABORATED WITH:

SPONSORED BY: Legislative Cabinet;

ENDORSED BY: Emika Buschow, Senator, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Estevan Vega, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Lauren Davis, ASCSU Director of Basic Needs;

ABSTRACT: *This legislation aims for ASCSU to sign a letter supporting the Front Range Passenger Rail Development Project.*

WHEREAS (1),

The Front Range Passenger Rail aims to connect cities along Colorado's Front Range through an intercity train service utilizing existing freight railroads and through collaboration to better the reliability, connectivity, and sustainability of Colorado's public transportation infrastructure (Front Range Passenger Rail District n.d.); and,

WHEREAS (2),

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On April 1, 2026, representatives from Front Range Passenger Rail presented the project to the ASCSU Senate, and have additionally presented to other campus councils, demonstrating a clear effort to engage and garner student support for this initiative (ASCSU Senate 2026)^[OBJ]; and,

WHEREAS (3),

The implementation of Front Range Passenger Rail would directly benefit the students of Colorado State University by expanding accessible transportation options, and thus increasing mobility and opportunity (White 2015), and;

WHEREAS (4),

Front Range Passenger Rail presents a clear and necessary opportunity to expand access, improve connectivity, and support the long-term mobility needs of students and communities across Colorado; **so,**

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED (1)

That the Associate Students of Colorado State University support the Front Range Passenger Rail Project; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED (2)

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University acknowledge the concerns brought forward; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED (3)

That ASCSU sign the following letter in support of the Front Range Passenger Rail Project:

‘STANDARD LETTER

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to express our support for efforts to advance Front Range Passenger Rail to cities and towns along Colorado’s Front Range.

Colorado has a unique near-term opportunity to deliver passenger rail service by 2029. The Front Range Passenger Rail District’s operating plan is vetted and takes a pragmatic approach—using existing Class I freight corridors and long-standing partnerships with host railroads. As a result, the project can move forward without acquiring new rights-of-way or building new tracks.

Front Range Passenger Rail will reduce highway congestion, shorten commute times, and expand travel options by providing safe, efficient, and reliable transportation for workers,

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families, students, seniors, and visitors. By offering a convenient option to highway driving, the service can also help households spend less on gas, parking, and overall vehicle costs. Together, we can build a safer, more affordable, more connected Colorado.

Respectfully,

Associated Students of Colorado State University'

; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED (4)

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Marion Underwood, Provost & Executive Vice President, Colorado State University, Blanche Hughes, Vice President, Student Affairs; Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, Office of the President; Mike Ellis, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Lory Student Center, Student Affairs; Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development, Student Affairs; Ben Schrader, Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor; Duan Ruff, Director, Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement; Julia Pratt, Assistant Director for Student Government, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Farah Shah, ASCSU/SLiCE Accountant, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Ali Raza, Assistant Director of Involvement, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement, ASCSU Advisor; Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant; Warner College Council; Ag Council; College of Liberal Arts Representative Council; Natural Sciences College Council; College of Health and Human Sciences Dean's Leadership Council; College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council; College of Business Dean's Student Leadership Council; Lisa Chandler, Assistant Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services; Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost, International Affairs, Colorado State University; Chad Hoseth, Assistant Vice Provost, International Affairs, Colorado State University; Greg Wymer, Director, International Student Scholars and Services; Mary Ann Lucero, Executive Director, Academic Advancement Center; Elizabeth Sink, Lead, Multifaith and Belief Initiatives; Gaurav Harshe, Interim Director, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; John Miller IV, Director, Black/African American Cultural Center; Aaron Escobedo Garmon, Director, El Centro; Maggie Hendrickson, Director, Pride Resource Center; Tyrone Smith, Director, Native American Cultural Center; Imani Lindberg, Interim Director, Survivor Advocacy & Foundational Education Center; Justin Dove, Director, Student Disability Center; Amy Taylor, Senior Director of the Accessibility Center;

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Yays – Nays – Abstentions

ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE BROOKLYN REESE

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4/30/2026

Signed by:


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ASCSU PRESIDENT JAKYE NUNLEY

DATE

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Signed by:


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THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:

Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University
Tony Frank, Chancellor of the Colorado State University System
Marion Underwood, Provost and Executive Vice President
Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs
Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
Mike Ellis, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Lory Student Center
Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development
Ben Schrader, Director of the Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor
Julia Pratt, Assistant Director for Student Government of Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement
Farah Shah, ASCSU/SLICE Accountant for Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement
Ali Raza, Assistant Director of Involvement for Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement, ASCSU Advisor
Duan Ruff, Director of Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement
Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant
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Ag Council
College of Liberal Arts Representative Council
Natural Sciences College Council
College of Health and Human Sciences Dean’s Leadership Council
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council
College of Business Dean’s Student Leadership Council
Lisa Chandler, Assistant Director of Adult Learner and Veteran Services
Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost of International Affairs for Colorado State University
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