Pueblo County is working with the community and key stakeholders to develop a station area plan for potential passenger rail service into Pueblo.

**BACKGROUND**

In November 2016, Pueblo County voters approved the 1A Community Improvement Program (CIP). Included as one of the 1A CIP projects is the Southwest Chief to Pueblo project which anticipates that Amtrak’s Southwest Chief, a multi-state passenger train connecting from Chicago to Los Angeles, will travel daily roundtrip to Pueblo from La Junta.

A concurrent study is also considering future rail service by the Front Range Passenger Rail, a 173-mile regional passenger rail system intended to link Pueblo to Fort Collins through Colorado Springs and Denver. A station located in the Pueblo area would serve as a major destination on both potential systems and will be studied during the station area planning process.

**OVERVIEW**

Creating a station area plan is the first step in planning for any potential passenger rail service to Pueblo. The process will help to identify potential station locations, the necessary track improvements, and amenities that will enhance the passenger experience.

The project team will conduct an analysis of possible station locations based on a variety of community factors and technical design criteria. The analysis will include an investigation of a variety of sites in the area identified in collaboration with Pueblo County, including:

1. Union Avenue District Area
2. Midtown Area
3. C Street Area

A final plan is anticipated to be complete in late spring 2020.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- Community
- Railroad
- Station Area
- Econ/Envir

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