## A Rail-Served Economic Initiative

Project Update for 3rd Quarter 2021

# 2021 OBJECTIVES: COMPLETE DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE TO SERVE FORT CARSON; COMPLETE THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT (\$75,000)

## **Talking Points:**

- A. Railroad project site visit with Fort Carson Garrison Commander and Public Works Director completed in August.
- B. HDR Engineering has submitted a preliminary railroad spur design to Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe RRs for service to Fort Carson for operational review.
- C. U.S. EDA grant execution is underway. Interim project completion report due to EDA October 30, 2021.

#### > Next Steps:

- 1. Respond to design comments from UP and BNSF.
- 2. Obtain operational "Will Serve" documentation from Class 1 RR's BNSF and Union Pacific.
- 3. Interface with Federal Rail Administration
  - Planning Group for environmental review, Benefit-Cost Analysis, and grant opportunities.
- 4. Track grant funding opportunities derived from the Infrastructure Bill.
- 5. Regular updates to Fort Carson and community leadership on project progress.

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#### U.S. Economic Development Administration Technical Assistance Grant Scope of Work Task #1 Work Force

#### Task #2 Local Infrastructure Capacity

Local Infrastructure definition

Transportation definition

Highway/rail logisitics Pro & Con

US Army industry specific transportation needs

Electric Generation

Biomass Pro & Con

Biomass Watershed benefits

Carbon Credit Potential

#### Task #3 Dual Service & Private Rail Capacity

Rail Capacity

Dual Service Benefits

Rail Operations at Park

Rail Benefits/Market/Biomass

Rail Competition/Passenger Benefits

Task #4 Integrated Report Task #5 Fiscal Agency

