

PRE-MEETING AGENDA

Casper City Council
The Lyric, 230 W Yellowstone Hwy
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5:30 p.m.



	Presentation	Beginning Time	Allotted
1.	Passenger Railway Support Letter	5:30	10 min
2.	Agenda Review	5:40	5 min
	Approximate Ending Time		5:45 p.m.

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Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Dear Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization:

I am writing to express Casper City Council's enthusiastic support for two important initiatives that would greatly benefit our community and the region as a whole.

Firstly, we fully endorse Cheyenne's participation in partnering with the Front Range Passenger Rail Project from Pueblo through Denver. It is imperative that Cheyenne be included in the extension of this project, as it presents a valuable opportunity to enhance regional connectivity, promote economic development, and improve transportation options for residents and visitors alike. By joining forces with the Front Range Passenger Rail Project, Cheyenne can position itself as a key player in the advancement of sustainable and efficient transportation infrastructure.

Secondly, Council wholeheartedly supports the Federal Railroad Administration's Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study and its potential impact on Wyoming, particularly in Cheyenne. With the possibility of three routes passing through our state capital, this study holds immense promise for revitalizing passenger rail service and fostering economic growth in underserved areas. Furthermore, the exploration of a new route from Casper to Montana presents an exciting opportunity to expand connectivity and promote regional development. By conducting a comprehensive study to determine the optimal locations for stations along these routes, we can ensure that our communities reap the full benefits of enhanced rail service.

The benefits of these initiatives are manifold. Not only would they contribute to the restoration of passenger service and stimulate economic activity, but they would also facilitate greater connectivity between communities, strengthen regional ties, and provide lasting benefits for future generations. Additionally, connecting Laramie and Casper to Cheyenne, our state capital, would foster collaboration and cooperation across Wyoming, further solidifying our position as a dynamic and forward-thinking state.

In conclusion, we urge the Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization to wholeheartedly support both the integration of Cheyenne into the Front Range Passenger Rail Project and the participation of Wyoming communities in the Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study. These initiatives represent significant opportunities to enhance transportation infrastructure, promote economic development, and improve the quality of life for residents throughout our region.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and I look forward to seeing Cheyenne take a leading role in shaping the future of passenger rail service in Wyoming. We hope you will let us know how else Casper can help.

Sincerely,

Stephen Cathey
Mayor