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Dear Friends of Passenger Rail:

It is time once again to renew your dues for the coming year. For our friends who are members of the National Association of Railroad Passengers, but have not yet joined your neighbors in ColoRail, this is your opportunity.

For the first time in the two decade history of the Colorado Rail Passenger Association, our Board of Directors has voted to increase dues. Rates have been kept low by the many generous donations of time or supplies made by members, but in the face of postal rate increases and printing expenses, the increase is necessary. In addition to your issues of the *ColoRail Passenger* newsletter, dues also help to pay for our website, distribution of the newsletter to local government officials, journalists, and for helpful literature distributed to Amtrak passengers by our growing team of station volunteers.

As we continue to work for the enhancement and expansion of passenger rail in and through Colorado, we need your continued help to get the word out to the public and government decision makers. I have been touched deeply by the contributions that have been offered toward our lawsuit against the Federal Transit Administration opposing their approval of the Denver Union Station Environmental Impact Statement. Now, I hope that you will be part of our ongoing efforts to promote passenger rail by continuing with us as a member for 2010.

Thank for your support,

Ira Schreiber, President
ColoRail

Name: _____

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Please add your E-Mail address if you would like to be included on the ColoRail e-mail news list:

Send this form and a check for Fifteen Dollars (annual dues) payable to "ColoRail" to our address on the reverse side of this letter. Thank you!

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What other group has?

(accomplished so much in this field that we have to use small type for a partial listing)

Stopped plans to remove all tracks from Denver Union Station throughout the late 1980's.

Originated the planning for a North I-25 / US36 Regional and Express bus stop at Denver Union Station (service began in September 1994).

Studied and initiated the Denver-Raton Thruway Bus connection for the *Southwest Chief*.

Developed relationships with Colorado Congressional delegation staffers, both locally and in DC.

Helped establish the Transit Alliance and participated in Metro Moves, Denver's pro-transit PAC.

Worked on petitions and campaigns for pro-rail transit candidates for the RTD Board beginning in 1998.

Participated in various I-25 Corridor studies north and south of Denver.

Participated in the development of the DUS Master Plan.

Helped plan FasTracks corridors, collected petitions to place FasTracks on the ballot, and participated in the campaign to pass FasTracks.

Worked with State Representatives and State Senators on pro-rail legislation and resolutions.

Assisted Bob Briggs in developing Front Range Xpress idea.

Helped to originate C-DOT's request for designation of the "Colorado Corridor" as the nation's 11th high speed rail corridor.

Initiated DUS Station Host program.

Initiated Amtrak-National Parks Interpretive Guide program on the *California Zephyr*.

Initiated significant amounts of correspondence to congressional delegation from ColoRail members three or four times a year supporting Amtrak and other important rail issues.

Participated in I-70 Corridor Studies as well as the I-70 Collaborative Effort Study which has finally established a specific blueprint for balanced transportation in that corridor.

Kept up support and encouragement for improvements in neighboring states.

And there's more to come!

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