

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council**

**Windsor Recreation Center - Pine Room
250 North 11th Street
Windsor, CO**

**July 15, 2016
1:04 – 2:58 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Wagner, Vice-Chair – Windsor
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
John Holdren – Severance
Seth Hyberger – Milliken
Will Jones – Greeley Alternate
Dave Klockeman – Loveland Alternate
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Suzette Mallette – Larimer County
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Fred Starr – Evans Alternate
Gary Thomas – SAINT
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

NFRMPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore
Aaron Buckley
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Medora Kealy

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2016 TAC MINUTES

Holdren moved to approve the June 15, 2016 TAC meeting minutes. Lundquist seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

Additional STP Metro and CMAQ Funding Allocation – Karasko reviewed the additional funding allocation from the most recent CDOT reconciliation. The region received an additional \$491,259 STP Metro allocation to be distributed to the Loveland US 34 Widening Project (\$467,942) and the Evans 65th Avenue Widening Project in FY2017 (\$23,317). The additional

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Gary Carsten – Eaton
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
John Franklin – Johnstown
Paul Lee – APCD
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Averill – Transfort
Nicole Hahn – Fort Collins
Kurt Ravenschlag – Transfort
Jake Schuch – CDOT
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT
Tom Selders – NoCo Bike & Ped

\$325,278 in CMAQ funding will be allocated to Greeley Evans Transit (\$60,492), Transfort (\$135,000), and Weld County (\$129,786) in FY2017. Loveland requested the additional Signal Timing Pool funds (\$13,336) be moved to the CNG Bus Replacement Pool. The additional \$10,362 TAP funding will be rolled into the FY20-21 Call for Projects to be held this summer/fall. Lundquist moved for approval. Wilkinson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Travel Time Index (TTI) Target Revision – Kealy reviewed the purpose and process of updating the TTI target. Information from the June 15, 2016 TAC meeting was presented to Council at their July 7, 2016 meeting. Council requested TAC continue to discuss the TTI Target Revision. Staff recommended a TTI target of 70 percent of Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) with a TTI lower than 1.2. With a threshold of 1.2, a section of roadway would be defined as congested if travel time during peak periods took 20 percent longer than during free flow conditions. Kealy stated 1.2 was chosen because it presents a majority of roads marked as congested by TAC without presenting too many that were not marked. TAC members questioned if there is a need to update the TTI threshold if the information will not be used as criteria for the FY2020-21 Call for Projects. Holdren moved to postpone further discussion of the TTI Target Revision until the April 2017 TAC meeting to allow NFRMPO staff to analyze one full year of data from Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland, before adopting a new threshold. Wilkinson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

Regional Transit Items – Jones reported a meeting was held to discuss a business plan and costs for the Fort Collins-Windsor-Greeley transit route. Ravenschlag introduced David Averill as Transfort's new Capital Planning and Grants Compliance Manager. Klockeman reported Loveland is working to fill the Transit Manager position and stated he is providing support to the City in the interim. Thomas stated Loveland will still hold a Work Session regarding Transportation on July 26, 2016.

Senior Transportation – Thomas stated the Governor's Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging continues to meet and discuss strategic legislation to help seniors with transportation. Thomas also reported Larimer County issued an RFP for its Senior Transportation Needs Report. The Senior Transportation Coalition will act as the steering committee for the study.

Regional Air Quality Council – Brimmer stated RAQC took action on the SIP in June. RAQC will submit a request to AQCC for a public hearing on the SIP in October for the narrative and regulations supporting the SIP. The SIP will go to the Legislature in January and to EPA in spring 2017. APCD continues to meet with major source industries about Reasonably Available Control Technologies (RACT). Ozone season has been mostly quiet this year with no exceedances at Fort Collins West.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Critical Urban Freight Corridors – Jason Wallis, CDOT, provided information about Colorado's Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs). The FAST Act requires the State, and Colorado MPOs over 500K, to designate 160 miles as Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs) and 80 miles as CUFCs. Each CDOT Region will be involved in selecting the final submitted corridors. Mallette asked if the 240 miles includes what has already been designated. Wallis stated the 240 miles is in addition to the interstates which have been designated as the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS). Blackmore asked how the distribution will be balanced between the different regions of the State. Wallis stated there will be benchmarks, including truck volumes, previously designated PHFS mileage, and planned project locations. The CUFCs and CRFCs will be designated in response to significant freight needs for the State. Wallis also stated CDOT is working on an administrative plan for updating the designated routes in the future.

FY2016 Q3 TIP Amendment – Buckley discussed the 3rd Quarter TIP Amendment, which would move \$2.095M from the North Front Range I-25 Post EIS Design & Right-of-Way project to the US 34 PEL Study. The amendment would also add an additional \$0.117M in FY20 RPP funds per the action taken by Planning Council at the April 7, 2016 Council meeting.

NFRMPO Schedule of Work – Blackmore presented the schedules for the Freight Northern Colorado Plan, FY18 UPWP, 2040 RTP Amendment, FY2018-21 TIP, Air Quality Conformity, Non-Motorized Plan, and the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. Planning Council saw the schedule at the July 7, 2016 meeting. The schedules were provided in the TAC packet, and will be provided quarterly. Blackmore stated the Freight Northern Colorado Plan has been extended into 2017, and the UPWP will be moved earlier in the year to comply with the CDOT request to allow them time to have contracts completed by October 1. The 2040 RTP Amendment will add a missing portion of I-25 to the Plan, which will allow the CDOT to obtain the revised Record of Decision and NFRMPO to program the I-25 grant in the TIP. The NFRMPO will submit the 2040 RTP Amendment and FY2018-21 TIP for Conformity to allow the determination prior to May 2017.

Gordon provided the schedule for the FY2020-21 Call for Projects (CFP), which opens July 25. The NFRMPO will hold a Project Application Workshop on August 12, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the NFRMPO office. All applications will be due September 9, 2016. TAC members interested in participating in Project Scoring should contact Becky Karasko by September 16, 2016. Blackmore stated all CMAQ projects will be submitted to FHWA for review prior to project selection to ensure project eligibility. Klockeman asked if projects from the previous Call for Projects, which were not fully funded, should be resubmitted in the FY2020-21 CFP. Blackmore stated there is no guarantee future reconciliations will provide enough funding to unfunded, but selected projects.

Blackmore stated she is working with CDOT to allow advanced construction projects. Schneiders stated there is a pilot project for “advanced budgeting”, which is in the IGA for LCR 17. Larimer County will provide the funding upfront and be reimbursed by CDOT.

Karasko stated there will be a call for RTP Amendments in September. Information will be forwarded to TAC members.

Proposed Volkswagen Settlement – Blackmore provided information about the Department of Justice’s settlement with Volkswagen, which will provide at least \$61.3M to Colorado over 10 years. Each state must apply for the funding. Funds must be used to reduce NOx; eligible projects include: Class 8 mobile freight trucks, Class 4 buses, freight switchers, Class 47 local freight trucks, airport ground support, forklifts, light duty zero-emission supply equipment. Nationally and additional \$2B funding is also provided for zero-emission infrastructure. Blackmore asked if the CMAQ process makes sense for this call, even though the area’s allocation is unknown. Wilkinson asked if the funding is a lump sum or if it over a period of time. Blackmore stated it is over 1time. Mallette indicated the entire CMAQ process encompasses more than vehicles, so the CMAQ process may be too broad. Hyberger stated the NFRMPO should use an existing process. Mallette asked when the funding will be available, and Blackmore stated it is currently in the Federal Register for comment. Lundquist requested Blackmore send the Federal Register information to TAC members.

REPORTS

Federal Inactives List – Schneiders presented information about communities on the Federal Inactives List prior to the August 1 deadline for CDOT TAP applications. Communities on the list must provide documentation requesting reimbursement to CDOT to be removed. Currently, CDOT is working with Greeley and Loveland to remove them from the list.

TIP Administrative Modification Updates – Buckley discussed the modifications to the TIP, as included in the TAC packet. There were no comments.

Mobility Committee Updates – Weld County Mobility Committee Meeting has been canceled for July. The June Larimer County Mobility Committee meeting had a presentation on Transfort's TRIP project, a discussion about the Loveland Transit Work Session, and a discussion regarding the NFRMPO's Non-Motorized Plan.

ROUNDTABLE

Karasko stated VanGo Metrics were provided.

Buckley announced all three mobile bicycle and pedestrian counters are collecting data in Loveland for a TAP application. All communities are eligible to use the counters with a signed MOU and trained staff.

Schneiders has been promoted to the Local Agency Planning & Environmental Manager and has an open position for an Environmental & Planning Specialist.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – None specified.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.