

**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**

**September 21, 2016
1:01 – 1:51 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Anderson, Chair – Evans
Dennis Wagner, Vice-Chair - Windsor
Jeff Bailey – Loveland
Eric Bracke – Greeley
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
John Franklin - Johnstown
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Suzette Mallette – Larimer County
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins
Nick Wharton – Severance

NFRMPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore
Aaron Buckley
Becky Karasko

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2016 TAC MINUTES

Wagner moved to approve the August 17, 2016 TAC meeting minutes. Bailey supported the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

Critical Urban Freight Corridors – Schneiders asked if TAC members had any changes to the urban freight corridor selection which is nearing completion. TAC had no additions and no action was necessary.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

Northern Colorado (NoCo) Bike & Ped Collaborative – Buckley stated John Franklin presented on Johnstown's TA application for the Little Thompson River Corridor Trail 1a the September meeting. NoCo recommended the Call for Projects scoring committee approve the project. NoCo also requested the trail be widened to a minimum of six feet, instead of four feet, and a permanent bicycle and pedestrian counter be installed. Loveland is completing segments of Regional Bicycle Corridor (RBC) 7, Front Range Trail West and RBC 8, BNSF Fort Collins/Berthoud over FY2017 and FY2018.

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Gary Carsten – Eaton
Paul Lee – CDPHE-APCD
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle
Gary Thomas – SAINT

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicole Hahn – Fort Collins
Dave Klockeman – Rocksol Consulting
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT

Regional Transit Items – Bailey stated COLT has been asked to move the north transit center at the Orchards Shopping Center. COLT negotiated an extension to their current contract at Orchards through January 21, 2017 and will announce their new location in early October.

Senior Transit Items – None.

Regional Air Quality Council – Brimmer stated the State Implementation Plan (SIP) public hearing with the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) for the 2008 ozone standard (75 ppb) will be November 17 and 18, 2016. Revisions are being made on the Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) chapter and accompanying regulations. Final versions will be made available to the public by the end of September for review as part of the public hearing process. Mallette asked if the control strategies in the SIP have changed. Brimmer confirmed the strategies remain unchanged and are being reviewed for consideration under the 2015 ozone standard (70 ppb).

The week of September 12, the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) presented recommendations on nonattainment area designations under the 2015 ozone standard. The nonattainment area boundary is being recommended to remain unchanged. Based on 2016 ozone values, the region is expected to be designated a marginal nonattainment area for ozone. The threshold is 10 percent above the standard. The governor is submitting the recommendation to EPA by October 1, 2016. Final designations by EPA will occur by October 2017.

Brimmer stated the current ozone season ends September 30, 2016. The test of attainment is the fourth highest ozone value over a three year period. For the 2008 ozone standard, 2017 will be the determining year on whether the standard will be attained. Attainment based on 2015-2017 data is not expected as 2016 has been a relatively bad year. The region can get an 1-year extension on the attainment date if all monitors in 2017 are at or below the standard and a second 1-year extension if all monitors in 2018 is are also at or below the standard. Attainment could be demonstrated based on the 3-year average of 2017-2019 ozone data. APCD is also examining days which may be categorized as exceptional events. Slides presented at TAC show progress as a region continues to reduce ozone levels. RACQ is holding a Mobile Sources and Fuels Subcommittee meeting the morning of October 7 and will discuss the VW settlement. The public is encouraged to attend.

DISCUSSION

FY2020-2021 Call for Projects Recommendations – Karasko stated the NFRMPO received 17 applications during the Call for Projects: 10 CMAQ, six STBG, and one TA project and 15 projects were funded. Approximately \$16M in funding was available and requests totaled \$22.4M. An Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis was conducted and 12 of the projects were within EJ areas.

Project Sponsor	CMAQ Project	Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
Fort Collins	Power Trail Grade Separation at Harmony Road	\$1,000,000	\$0
Fort Collins	Transfort CNG Buses	\$3,360,000	\$1,900,000
Greeley	Greeley Evans Transit Diesel Bus Replacement	\$3,027,834	\$1,513,000
Greeley	Central System and Controller Replacement	\$430,500	\$430,500
Johnstown	Johnstown EV Charging Station	\$28,400	\$0
Larimer County	CNG Fast Fill Stations	\$827,900	\$827,900
Loveland	Traffic Signal Progression Improvements – US 34	\$640,000	\$640,000
Loveland	COLT Diesel Bus Replacement	\$768,000	\$384,000
Loveland	Diesel Fleet Replacement	\$663,600	\$384,000
Weld County	Weld County CNG Vehicles	\$3,176,400	\$2,200,000

Project Sponsor	STBG Project	Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
Evans	37th Street Overlay	\$982,141	\$982,141
Fort Collins	Timberline Road Corridor Improvements	\$2,694,602	\$2,100,442
Greeley	O Street Widening - 11th Avenue to WCR 37	\$1,704,950	\$1,329,008
Larimer County	North LCR 17 Expansion	\$760,000	\$760,000
Loveland	US 34 (Eisenhower Boulevard) Widening - Boise Avenue to I-25	\$1,260,925	\$982,891
Windsor	Intersection Improvements at SH 257 & Eastman Park Dr.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Project Sponsor	TA Project	Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
Johnstown	Little Thompson River Corridor Trail-Phase 1a	\$113,920	\$250,000
Larimer County	North LCR 17 Expansion	\$0	\$307,581

The remaining \$307,581 TA funds will be given to the North LCR 17 Expansion project for work on bicycle and pedestrian components on RBC 8. Representatives for each project recommended for funding must present at the October 6 Council meeting in Johnstown. The NFRMPO requests presentation information be submitted to Karasko by October 3. Klockeman asked about TA fund allocation between Greeley and Larimer County. Blackmore stated both projects would be funded at the funding committee's recommendation, but one would be required to complete the additional federal requirements.

Updated 2040 RTP Amendment Call and Conformity Schedule – The NFRMPO held a call for RTP amendments; the North I-25: SH56 to SH14 and the Greeley–Evans Transportation Center project amendments were received. Both will be incorporated and the North I-25 project will be modeled for air quality conformity. CDPHE reported there will be a December AQCC hearing and conformity approval is scheduled for January 2017.

Non-Motorized Plan Update – Buckley stated the Non-Motorized Plan (NMP) will contain six chapters and an appendix and will include an update of the 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan; a pedestrian element; community plan review; mapped sidewalks, on-road bicycle facilities, and trails in the region; funding sources for non-motorized improvements; next steps; the NMP survey tool; public comments; a sidewalk audit tool; count location criteria; and a wayfinding template. The 2040 RTP non-motorized facilities per capita performance measure will be assessed. The NMP survey has been distributed at 14 public events and NFRMPO has received nearly 250 responses. The Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland transportation boards have each received a presentation. The NMP final draft will be discussed at the October TAC meeting. Buckley requested communities forward any available summary non-motorized crash data for the past three years by year.

FY2018-2021 TIP Development Process Discussion – Buckley stated the FY2016-2019 TIP Narrative will be used as a template to create the FY2018-FY2021 TIP Narrative. Language will be updated to reflect the FAST Act, funding source updates, and to clarify TIP amendment qualifications. The proposed changes will be presented at the October TAC meeting.

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative TAC Representation – Buckley extended an invitation to TAC members to attend NoCo Bike & Ped meetings. Anderson, Bailey, and Bracke expressed interest in participating. The next NoCo meeting is October 12.

ROUNDTABLE

Karasko stated there are four in-person interviews next week for the Transportation Planner I position.

Franklin stated Johnstown is working with Loveland and CDOT to design and build an intersection on Larimer Parkway and US 34 for construction in 2017. Blackmore asked if the Shields development is on track. Franklin stated an agreement was not in place at this time. Mallette asked when the Shields development will open, Franklin responded September 30, 2017. Wilkinson asked how the project was being funded. Franklin responded local traffic impact funds.

Bracke stated the comprehensive signal timing project for Greeley should be completed this month. The 65th Avenue preconstruction meeting occurred and construction is expected to start this winter. The US 34 coalition will meet on October 6 and the selected consultant will be announced.

Fuhrman stated construction on the Harmony Road widening in Timnath will begin soon with the box culverts beginning in early October.

Mallette stated Larimer is working on the GOCO grant for the Poudre River Trail under the Poudre River Bridge on North I-25.

Schneiders stated the inactives report is available. There are only two projects of concern. She also mentioned the Crossroads Bridge project on North I-25 is starting.

Bailey stated Loveland opened Byrd Drive, which allows CDOT to start the Crossroads Bridge project. Next month the US 34/Boyd Lake Road intersection work will begin.

Anderson stated the Highway 85 Access Control Project at 37th Street in Evans is underway. The City has begun working on 65th Avenue widening project.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – 2040 RTP Amendment, Call for Projects Recommendations, Coordinated Plan Discussion for Mobility, Non-Motorized Plan, TIP Narrative, FY2018-FY2021 TIP, and Q4 FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Aaron Buckley, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.