

# Funding Regional Transportation

## Roles in the Regional Funding Process

### Federal

- Federal Transportation Bill—Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed in December 2015
- Sets funding levels and allocates money to States

### States

- Pass federal funds to MPOs
- Responsible for administering funds to MPOs, counties, and municipalities

### MPOs

- Complete federal requirements; Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program
- Receive federal funds for projects and planning
- Create a regionally cooperative process for distribution of federal funds to local government members

## Local Sources of Funding

Local governments provide a significant portion of funds for regional transportation projects. Local matches and local overmatches can come from a variety of sources, such as sales taxes or general obligation bonds.

## Federal Sources of Funding

Federal grants also provide a portion of regional transportation funding. Federal funding generally falls under one of the following categories:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG): Funds for improving highways, bridges, transit, or bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ): Funds for projects that help meet Clean Air Act Standards
- Transportation Alternatives (TA): Funds for alternative transportation options like recreational trails and small environmental mitigation projects



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# Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

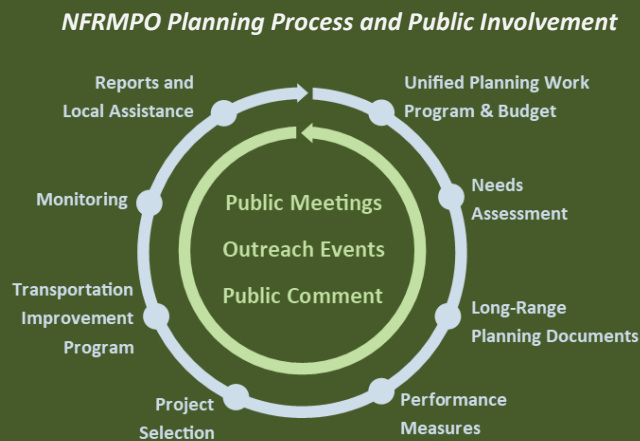
- Federally designated regional planning agencies formed for urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more
- Facilitate regional transportation decisions regarding infrastructure, programing, safety, and air quality
- Funded through local and federal government sources, including Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds; though sometimes state funding is available

## Why MPOs are Important

- Maintain continuous, comprehensive, and collaborative planning at a regional scale
- Transportation and environmental systems often span regions that extend beyond individual communities
- Develop plans that address air quality, congestion, and transportation infrastructure improvements at a regional scale
- Provide an efficient means of allocating federal funding to projects that enhance regional transportation and air quality

# Public Participation Process and Opportunities

Public involvement is a vital part of the regional planning process and includes everything from outreach and education, to serving on councils and committees. As shown in the diagram, the public is involved in almost every step of the planning process. For more information about getting involved, visit: <http://nfrmpo.org/public-involvement/>



## Get Involved

### Planning Council Meetings

Meets first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meeting information posted on website one week prior. Location rotates between the 15 member communities.

### Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Windsor Recreation Center.

### NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meets second Wednesday of each month at the Windsor Recreation Center at 10:00 a.m.

### Public Meetings and Events

Check out [nfrmpo.org](http://nfrmpo.org) for upcoming events, opportunities to provide comments, and to learn more about what the NFRMPO is doing.

### Community Remarks

Have a specific neighborhood project or regional issue you want to share with us? Comment on our Community Remarks page: <https://communityremarks.com/northfrontrange/>.

### Other Regional Opportunities

- I-25 Coalition and Funding Subcommittee
- US34 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
- US287 Coalition
- North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA)
- Mobility Committees

### Local Opportunities

More information about local opportunities may be found on individual municipality and county websites. The North Front Range MPO includes thirteen member municipalities and portions of two counties:

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| • Berthoud     | • Loveland       |
| • Eaton        | • Milliken       |
| • Evans        | • Severance      |
| • Fort Collins | • Timnath        |
| • Garden City  | • Windsor        |
| • Greeley      | • Larimer County |
| • Johnstown    | • Weld County    |
| • LaSalle      |                  |

For more information about each community, visit: <http://nfrmpo.org/overview/>