

**Meeting Minutes of the
NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &
AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**

**June 6, 2019
Johnstown Community Center
101 Charlotte Street
Johnstown, CO**

Voting Members Present:

Kristie Melendez - Chair -Windsor
William Karspeck -Berthoud
Kevin Ross -Eaton
Mark Clark -Evans
Kristin Stephens -Fort Collins
Troy Mellon -Johnstown
Tom Donnelly -Larimer County
Paula Cochran -LaSalle
Dave Clark -Loveland
Don McCleod -Severance
Barbara Kirkmeyer -Weld County
Rick Coffin -CDPHE

Voting Members Absent:

Fil Archuleta -Garden City
Robb Caseday -Greeley
Elizabeth Austin -Milliken
Aaron Pearson -Timnath
Kathy Gilliland -Transportation Comm.

MPO Staff:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Crystal Hedberg, Finance Director; Renae Steffen, Administrative Director; Medora Bornhoft and Ryan Dusil Transportation Planners II.

In Attendance:

Jeff Bailey, Chad Cramer, Jim Eussen, Butch Hause, Joel Hemeseth, Wayne Howard, Will Jones, Tim Kirby, Dave Kisker, Dave Klockeman, Alana Koenig, Shoshana Lew, Dan Mattson, Rusty McDaniel, Steve Moreno, Mitch Nelson, Johnny Olson, Mark Peterson, Randy Ready, Elizabeth Relford, Karen Schneiders, Tim Singlewald, Robin Stoneman, and Dennis Wagner.

Chair Melendez called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and asked Council members to introduce themselves.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Move to Approve Agenda:

Ross **moved** to approve the, *June 6, 2019 Meeting Agenda*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Move to Approve Minutes:

D. Clark **moved** to approve the *May 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director, stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to notify the public and receive input on Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the NFRMPO Region and a portion of the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region within the Northern Subarea of the Denver-North Front Range 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. The NFRMPO is required to determine conformity of the TIP with federal and state air quality laws and regulations before federal-aid transportation projects may proceed. The FY2020-2023 TIP meets all conformity criteria and all planning requirements. No comments were received from the public on the Conformity documents during the public comment period, which opened on April 27, 2019 and closed on May 31, 2019.

Melendez opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment.

Melendez closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Melendez opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

Reports:

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

Rick Coffin, Air Quality & Transportation Planner for the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) presented the June 6, 2019 APCD Update to the Council. He noted although the suggested deadline for submitting prehearing comments regarding the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) proposed mandate is July 30th, the public is able to submit their comments up to the first day of the hearing, which is August 31st. Coffin also reviewed the ZEV Timeline, 2019 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan, Ozone Action Alerts, and Air Quality Health Advisories and Notifications. Kirkmeyer asked when the 2018 Annual Air Quality Reports would be available. Coffin responded he believed they were recently posted on the CDPHE website and offered to follow-up with the link to that report.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written APCD report was provided.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Melendez opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

Reports:

Report of the Chair:

Chair Melendez reported Robb Casseday had been added to the Finance Committee.

Executive Director Report:

Mallette provided information on the following:

- *A Vision for Front Range Passenger Rail Passenger Rail* was handed out. Mallette noted a Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission meeting was scheduled for June 14th at 222 LaPorte from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Agendas come out the day before the meeting.

- Public Involvement events attended by MPO staff over the last month included the Max 5-year Celebration, Berthoud Day, and Johnstown BBQ Day. MPO staff will attend Fort Collins' Open Streets event on June 16th.
- Sarah Martin, former Transportation Planner I, has taken a position in Land Use Planning for a company in Fort Collins. A new planner will be starting July 8th. A new Transportation Planning Intern was hired in May.

Finance:

A written report was provided.

TAC:

A written report was provided.

Mobility:

A written report was provided.

Presentation:

CDOT Executive Director Update

Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director, presented CDOT's Planning Approach; Delivering a Safe, Efficient Transportation System to the Council. After reviewing CDOT's previous planning approach Lew explained CDOT's strategy for resetting the planning approach would include a 10-year pipeline of projects of all travel modes and transportation needs. The projects will be comprised not only of large projects, but also combined smaller projects which will help create more significant impacts; small investments making a big difference. Lew emphasized CDOT's Strategic Goals were to improve safety by improving road conditions to reduce crashes, expanding multimodal options statewide, and establishing a data-driven needs assessment for identifying and prioritizing construction projects.

CDOT plans to implement the new planning approach by mid-fall in conjunction with their fiscal budget and following a series of 4P (Project Priority Programming Process) meetings across Colorado. When asked about reviewing the priority list during the 10-year process, Lew said currently the priority list is reviewed every four years, but CDOT wants a nimbler process and will potentially consider a two or three-year review process going forward. Mallette noted the upcoming 4P meetings being held to identify the public's transportation project needs were June 24th at 2:30 in the Weld County Administration Building in Greeley and June 25th at 3:00 at the Larimer County Offices Building in Fort Collins.

Move to Approve Consent Agenda:

Mellon **moved** to *approve the consent agenda*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- *1st Quarter Unaudited Financial Statements*
- *Air Quality Conformity Resolution 2019-10*
- *2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Resolution 2019-11*
- *2019 VanGo Budget Amendment Resolution 2019-12 and 2019-13*
- *FY2020-21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Resolution 2019-14*

Action Items:

May 2019 TIP Amendment

Medora Bornhoft, Transportation Planner II, reviewed information from the May 2019 TIP Amendment Agenda Item Summary with the Council noting CDOT R4 had requested revisions for the following five projects:

- North I-25: Design Build
- North I-25 WCR38 to SH402
- Weld County CNG Vehicles & Expansion
- Loveland CNG Vehicle Replacement
- Loveland Diesel Fleet Replacement

The TIP Amendment also included CDOT R4's request to add the US85 UPRR Settlement Agreement project and the NFRMPO's request to add the ADA Gas MV Replacement project.

Ross **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15 APPROVING THE MAY 2019 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

2045 Regionally Significant Corridors (RSC)

Ryan Dusil, Transportation Planner II, stated the 2045 RSC's, which comprise the major roadway network for regional travel and planning efforts, had been an item for discussion at the May 2nd Council meeting. Following that meeting MPO staff met with individual TAC members and discussed the RSC Criteria at the May 15th TAC meeting. Dusil stated they had no projects or other updates to submit and there were no proposed changes to the criteria. Following a comprehensive discussion, MPO staff agreed to work with the Town of Johnstown and Weld County on a process for reclassifying WCR13. The Council was in consensus no action would be taken on the RSC's individually. They will be adopted by reference when approving the Congestion Management Program (CMP) in July.

Discussion Items:

Fiscally Constrained Plan

Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director, presented the 2045 RTP Fiscally Constrained Plan (FCP) to the Council explaining the MPO must complete an FCP as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to show anticipated revenues and expenses over the life of the 2045 RTP. TAC will hold a Work Session June 7th at 1:00 at the MPO offices to review some concerns the Operations and Maintenance Costs are too high compared to Local Communities' actual expenses. Both Council and TAC are being asked for their feedback on allocating revenues to expenditures, anticipated developer revenue, and any other anticipated revenue sources. Subsequent to TAC approval, the FCP will be an action item at the July 11th Council meeting.

Council Reports:

Transportation Commission Report /CDOT Region 4

A Project Status Update for June 3, 2019 was provided. Karen Schneiders, CDOT R4 reported The Vine Drive Bridge is being replaced and will begin deconstruction on June 8th. The bridge will be closed for approximately seven months. June 19-20 the Transportation Commission would hold a workshop and then tour Northern Colorado beginning in Sterling and ending in

Boulder. A dinner will be held at Embassy Suites in Loveland at 6:30 on June 19th. Council Members and elected officials are invited to attend.

I-25 Update

D. Clark reported the Transportation Commission approved \$310M for N I25 sections 7 & 8. An additional \$60M was added to the requested \$250M to fully fund building the permanent (20-30 year) infrastructure to the full EIS. The implementation process has not been finalized. The I-25 Funding Committee is working on their 2019 Work Plan with research funding assistance from David May of FIX North I-25

US34 Coalition

Melendez reported the Coalition had unanimously passed a resolution in support of the US34 PEL. CDOT Project Engineer, Dan Mattson presented on the US34 interchanges with US85 and I 25, the 35th Avenue and 47th Avenue intersections with US 34. Mattson will present again at the Coalition meeting August 1st at the Weld County Administration Building.

STAC Report

A written report was provided.

Host Council Member Report- Mellon welcomed everyone to Johnstown. He then reported on the following transportation related projects in Johnstown:

- Johnstown is building a new community center over the next year.
- Veterans are donating both Colorado State flags and American flags and putting them up around town between Memorial Day and Veterans.
- Johnstown will be getting a railroad crossing realignment at the intersection of LCR3/US34, giving the intersection a new look.
- Flags will be up from Memorial Day to July 4th.
- Downtown business in Johnstown is thriving.

Meeting Wrap-Up:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:

No suggestions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Renae Steffen, MPO Staff