

**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**

**January 21, 2015
1:01–3:11 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Anderson – Evans
Eric Bracke, Chair – Greeley
Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
John Holdren - Severance
Seth Hyberger – Milliken
David Klockeman – Loveland
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Suzette Mallette, Vice-Chair – Larimer County
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Gary Thomas – SAINT
Dennis Wagner – Windsor
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Carsten – Eaton
Jim DiLeo – APCD
John Franklin – Johnstown
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Boyd, NoCo Bike Ped Collaborative
Will Jones, Greeley-Evans Transit
Jeff Purdy, FHWA
Jake Schuch, CDOT
Kathy Seelhoff, CDOT
Nick Wharton, Severance Alternate

NFRMPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore
Alex Gordon
Angela Horn
Josh Johnson
Becky Karasko

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2014 TAC MINUTES:

Mallette made a correction to say “Larimer County Road 27 was one of the last roads to open after the September 2013 flood” and “the next meeting date is January 21, 2015”. Thomas made a correction he is a member of TAC. Klockeman made a motion to approve the December 17, 2014 TAC minutes as corrected. Mallette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal):

NoCo Bike Ped Collaborative – Boyd summarized CDOT’s presentation on the status of flood reconstruction projects at the January NoCo Bike Ped Collaborative meeting. The Collaborative has

selected a preferred date for their upcoming conference and asked TAC for potential venue locations. The preferred date is October 29, 2015, with November 5, 2015 as back-up.

Regional Transit items – Jones reported Greeley-Evans Transit received 4,000 surveys from Ride Free ID for Youth program participants.

Schneiders reported Bustang buses have arrived and will be stationed at CDOT headquarters during STAC. Bustang service is anticipated to start in March 2015.

Senior Transportation – Thomas reported SAINT is making progress on an enhanced travel training format including lunch and outing for seniors.

PRESENTATIONS:

TIP Database Tool

Johnson

Johnson presented the new NFRMPO Online TIP Database Tool, which will be released concurrently with the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The tool will allow project sponsors to manage their projects and amendments online, view all projects in the TIP, and print their own reports.

Schneiders requested changes be made to the Project Description/Location column: “BR-ON” to read “Region 4 Bridge On-System Pool” and “BR-OFF” to read “Region 4 Bridge Off-System Pool”. Schneiders requested the colors be clarified on the document. Schneiders also asked “CDOT Region 4” be changed to “CDOT Local FASTER Transit Pool”, “DTR” changed to “CDOT Statewide FASTER Transit Pool”, and “Associated Project Type” changed to “STL”.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP

Johnson

Johnson reported additional FY 2015 CMAQ and STP-Metro funds are available due to additional allocation and project closures, and asked TAC how to allocate the funds. Wilkinson asked if the funding needs to be spent in FY 2016. Blackmore stated the funding is FY 2015, but needs to be used by FY 2016. Johnson stated the Greeley 65th Avenue widening project is not fully funded in the current TIP. Horn stated the Greeley 65th Avenue project is the only partially funded project in the current TIP.

Holdren made a motion to fully fund the Greeley 65th Avenue widening project using STP-Metro in the FY 2012-2017 TIP, and give the remaining money to the Evans 65th Avenue widening project in the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The Large Community Pool will be backfilled if and when additional funds become available in the future. Wilkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wilkinson suggested creating a narrative describing the allocation process for additional money in the future. TAC requested staff outline a process for allocating the additional CMAQ funds.

Johnson reported the FY 2016-2019 TIP must be released for public comment ahead of Council action in March. Klockeman motioned TAC recommends Planning Council open the TIP for a 30-day public comment period at their February 5, 2015 meeting. Lundquist seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NFRMPO 2040 Plan Scenarios

Horn

Horn reported the MPO will run three scenarios: full build-out, all transportation investments in transit, and all transportation investments in road and highway. Bracke stated the scenarios do not seem

realistic and asked if they are a requirement. Horn replied the scenarios are not a requirement, but are recommended in MAP-21. Klockeman stated Loveland did sensitivity analysis to see if investments caused additional volume issues based on the fiscally constrained plan. Blackmore stated the scenarios are the ones recommended by TAC in November and show how funding and land use decisions affect the transportation system. Mallette suggested combining the scenarios, to incorporate land use build out into the travel model scenarios. Horn stated TAC members can contact her with further suggestions.

Preliminary Conformity Results

Horn

Horn reported a conformity determination for the North Front Range region was triggered by two projects. The projects were the I-25 Truck Climbing Lane and the Weld County Road 49 project. The region passed for both Ozone and Carbon Monoxide (CO). The documents have been added to the NFRMPO website. Bracke asked what happens if a project does not meet conformity. Mallette and Blackmore stated the projects must be changed to pass conformity or the projects do not receive funding.

2040 Regional Transit Element

Karasko

Karasko presented the updated nine corridors to be included in the 2040 Regional Transit Element based on suggestions from Planning Council. Karasko reported service levels will be carried over from the 2035 RTE.

Klockeman asked if numbers could be added to the legend. Schneiders stated "Interregional Express" should be deleted from the legend and routes should clarify if they are express routes. Schneiders stated park-n-rides should be included. Horn stated proposed and existing park-n-rides will be added.

Thomas asked if FLEX was included in the map. Karasko stated FLEX was not included because the map shows proposed routes.

Schneiders stated Corridor #6 already exists because Transfort extended its route to the Harmony Transfer Center. Blackmore stated the route extension just started, but can be removed from the model. Klockeman stated he will bring the routes to the Coordination Meeting later this month.

FY 2016-2017 UPWP

Blackmore

Blackmore discussed projects MPO staff is preparing in the upcoming year. Blackmore requested TAC provide additional issues or projects the MPO should add. Bracke suggested an update to the ITS plan because of recent investments. Lundquist stated Weld County is considering preparing a Freight Plan.

Klockeman requested an updated schedule for the 2040 RTP at the February TAC meeting.

REPORTS:

Public Outreach Updates

Gordon reported the NFRMPO has begun public outreach for the 2040 RTP. Staff will attend board meetings, libraries and community events to gain feedback from the public. Schneiders suggested the Island Grove Home Show. Jones stated he had a contact at the University of Northern Colorado.

TIP Administrative Modification Updates

Johnson reported CDOT released strategic money for I-25 design. Johnson stated modifications are processed monthly and are due to staff by February 1st and March 1st. Policy amendments are processed quarterly and due to staff by April 1.

Roundtable

Schneiders reported CDOT received 58 TAP applications requesting over \$50M. A total of 18 projects were funded in Northeast Colorado for \$7.4M in available funds.

Blackmore stated she will send out Buy America waiver forms following her meeting earlier in the month with the FTA and FHWA regarding approval for vehicle purchases. Blackmore stated project sponsors can submit one waiver for all four years of funding. Mallette asked if sponsors needed a STIP number. Schneiders stated the STIP numbers are handled through CDOT Headquarters and members should ask Marissa Gaughan about when their vehicles will be put in the STIP. Blackmore asked if additional funding should be included in the waiver application to account for cost increases. Purdy stated the waivers are based on the number of vehicles requested. Bustow added funding is based on what is in the STIP.

Karasko requested any changes to TAC representatives should be sent to her.

Schneiders reported CDOT's new Executive Director, Shailen Bhatt, will start in February.

Thomas stated Fort Collins will put two quarter-cent tax proposals up for vote in April.

Blackmore stated she has asked for a Federal Super Circular presentation to the TAC for the February or March meetings.

Blackmore reported the new NFRMPO Transportation Planner will start on February 17.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Final Public Comment - There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – Schneiders stated she can present on TAP Best Practices.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.