

February 2015 Director's Report

EPA

- The DC Circuit Court issued a two to one opinion that vacates the revocation of the 1997 standard and that the EPA could not set a December attainment date when it issued the 2008 NAAQCS in July. It is unclear the impact the DC ruling will have but it could require showing attainment for both the 1997 and the 2008 NAAQCS. EPA is still determining the impact this ruling has on transportation conformity.
- The Environmental Protection Agency announced that it will issue a new ozone standard in October 2015.
- They are reviewing and taking comment on revising the O₃ NAAQS to .060-.070 ppm as both the primary and secondary standard from .075 ppm.
- A reduction in the standard would require a new State Implementation Plan for Colorado.
- More information will be available once the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is released.

Air Quality

- The NFRMPO, DRCOG, CDPHE and RAQC have agreed on an MOA that is currently under review by the NFRMPO attorney.
- The NFRMPO will begin negotiating a MOA with the RAQC.

Regional Transit Element/Regional Transportation Plan

- Working with TAC, staff has scheduled public outreach for the RTE and RTP.
- The MPO will join GET during a public meeting, attend the Greeley, Fort Collins and Loveland Transportation Committees,
- The planned events to date are included below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
2/9/2015	2PM-5PM	GET Route Change Open House	Greeley
2/10/2015	10AM-12PM	Loveland Public Library	Loveland Public Library
2/12/2015	3PM-5PM	Transit Outreach	South Transit Center
2/17/2015	9AM-12PM	Student Outreach	CSU
2/18/2015	6PM-9PM	Fort Collins Transportation Board	Fort Collins
2/19/2015	2PM-5PM		
2/26/2015	2:30PM-4PM	NoCO Highway 287 Corridor Coalition	Gertrude Scott Meeting Room Loveland Public Library. 300 N. Adams Avenue, Loveland

Proposed

Date	Time	Event	Location
2/12/2015	3PM-5PM	Transit Center Outreach	South Transit Center
3/18/2015	12PM-1PM	Lunch presentation	Greeley Chamber of Commerce

Staff Training

- Four staff attended the National Transit Institute three day class on State and Metropolitan planning for Colorado on January 28-30 in Denver along with other MPO and CDOT planners

FY2016-2019 TIP Schedule

- Initiated the Air Quality Conformity for the Upper Front Range Transportation Plan, the climbing lanes and the FY 2016-2019 TIP on December 5. The preliminary results will be presented at the February Planning Council meeting.
- There will be public hearing for Conformity Determination for the TIP and the Upper Front Range 2040 Plan at the March Planning Council meeting.

Severance Transportation Plan

- The draft plan is completed and was presented at the January 19 Town board meeting.
- *The Severance Town Board will consider the plan at their March meeting*
- Anyone interested in reviewing the plan can contact Josh Johnson at jjohnson@nfrmpo.org or 970-416-2293.

VanGo

- The VanGo™ program will sell 8 vans at the Roller Auction in February with model years from 2006 to 2011.

Staff

- The NFRMPO hired Aaron Buckley and he will start on February 17.
- The Planning department will be fully staffed.
- The MPO may need to hire a part time data entry person for the VanGo™ program to replace an employee that left in August.

FY 2016 and FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) and Budgets

- *The NFRMPO staff has been discussing planning priorities with TAC once the Call for Projects and the RTP are completed. The discussion will continue at the February meeting*
- *The draft FY 2016 and FY 2017 UPWP will incorporate recommendations identified in the FHWA Planning Certification Review*
- *The NFRMPO plans to request funding from CDPHE for continued Air Quality work and SHRP2 for some new Freight work that will be incorporated into the regional planning work.*