

**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**

**March 18, 2015
1:02 – 3:48 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Bracke, Chair – Greeley
Suzette Mallette, Vice-Chair – Larimer County
Dawn Anderson – Evans
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
John Holdren - Severance
David Klockeman- Loveland
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Gary Thomas – SAINT
Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Alternate
Dennis Wagner – Windsor
Will Jones, Greeley-Evans Transit

NFRMPO Staff:

Terri Blackmore
Aaron Buckley
Alex Gordon
Angela Horn
Josh Johnson
Becky Karasko

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Gary Carsten – Eaton
Jim DiLeo – APCD
John Franklin – Johnstown
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Seth Hyberger – Milliken
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

IN ATTENDANCE:

Will Jones – GET
Jeff Purdy – FHWA
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
Jake Schuch – CDOT
Kurt Ravenschlag – Transfort
Christopher Barnes – COLT
Jeff Boring – Larimer County/NoCo Bike Ped

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bracke called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2015 TAC MINUTES:

Holdren made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting. Mallette supported the motion and they were approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No Items this Month.

ACTION ITEMS:

No Items this Month.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal):

NoCo Bike/Ped Collaborative – Boring discussed funding updates on state-wide and regional bicycle and pedestrian grants including GOCO Paths to Parks, and the Long View Corridor Trail. He provided additional details about the upcoming conference on November 5, 2015 at the UNC University Center. The Collaborative has secured Mark Fenton to speak about the economic benefits of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Regional Transit Items – Ravenschlag gave a year-end report for Transfort. MAX increased service level by 50 percent overall in Fort Collins, and replaced two routes resulting in a 94 percent increase in ridership along the route. Ravenschlag also thanked CDOT for TAP funding they received for secure bicycle storage along the MAX line.

Barnes gave a year-end report for COLT including a current strategic planning phase that is expected to progress through 2015 with the new Public Works director.

Senior Transportation – Thomas reported on the recent meeting with Hill-n-Park residents, Senior Resource Center, Commissioner Conway, NFRMPO staff, and Colorado Trust concerning connecting residents with GET.

PRESENTATIONS:

8-Hours Ozone: Proposed New Standards and Implementing Current Standard **Brimmer**
Brimmer presented on the proposed 8-hour NAAQS for ozone. She discussed the implications of the December 23, 2014 DC Circuit Court ruling, including SIP requirements for the non-attainment area. Brimmer then discussed proposed ozone standards due out in October 2015.

North Front Range Conformity Determinations **Horn**
Horn presented the positive transportation conformity determinations for the NFRMPO including ozone and carbon monoxide emissions results. These results will be presented to the Air Quality Control Commission on March 19, 2015 for their concurrence.

Presentation on 2040 Regional Transit Element Chapters 1-3 **Karasko**
Karasko presented the updated information in Chapters 1-3 of the 2040 RTE, which was distributed to TAC prior to the meeting. The next step is for TAC to provide feedback on Chapters 1-3. TAC will receive Chapters 4-8 and Appendices prior to the April meeting. Karasko reported TAC will receive the draft final report in May with final action scheduled for June.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of 2040 Regional Transit Element Chapters 1-3 **Karasko**
TAC discussed the 2040 RTE chapters and provided comments and suggestions regarding minor edits to the document. Ravenschlag asked what methodology was used to determine peer cities for the NFRMPO. Ravenschlag suggested using peer cities for each individual transit agency instead of the region as a whole, to ensure the comparison is accurate. Klockeman noted the concept of an implementation plan and explained the RTE should be used as a guidance document because it does not contain committed projects. Karasko asked that any additional comments and edits to be sent to her to be incorporated into the document.

Updated 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Schedule

Karasko

Karasko informed TAC of FHWA's October 24, 2015 deadline for the 2040 RTP adoption, and presented an updated schedule for RTP chapter review. TAC discussed the importance of chapters, specifically the Travel Demand Analysis and Financial chapters, needing more review time. TAC members recommended having two additional meetings for chapter reviews, one in May and one in June, to meet the FHWA deadline. Karasko agreed to send a poll to determine the additional meeting dates prior to the next TAC meeting.

REPORTS:

Public Outreach Updates

Gordon

Gordon reported 349 survey responses have been received to-date for the 2040 RTP. Staff will be going to the US 287 Corridor Coalition and the Greeley Chamber of Commerce for the last events in "phase one" of public outreach for the 2040 RTP. Staff is looking to release the RTP draft to the public in June and July. Gordon also reminded TAC about the Community Remarks Page, an online GIS tool, which is available for the public to make comments on the regional transportation system.

TIP Administrative Modification Updates

Johnson

Johnson reported no administrative modifications were submitted in March. TIP amendments and modifications are due by April 3rd. Johnson also reminded TAC that community images/photos are needed for inclusion in the RTP. Johnson asked TAC for any construction projects or websites including local construction projects to include in the April MPO Newsletter. Schneiders mentioned CDOT produces a Lane Closures newsletter every Monday which could be included.

Roundtable

Bracke reported Greeley will start construction on the triangle intersection at 9/10th Street and 23rd Avenue near the end of March. This project is locally funded and will receive needed geometric improvements as part of the 10th Street Corridor Project.

Schneiders reported the CDOT Local Agency Training will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Southwest Weld Complex. The training will introduce new members of the Local Agency Team and go over the project development process for federal-aid or CDOT funded local agency projects.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Final Public Comment - There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – TAC requested a presentation on the 2040 Regional Travel Demand Model.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Angela Horn, NFRMPO staff.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.