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#### NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA DRAFT

June 4, 2015 Milliken Town Hall 1101 Broad Street Milliken, CO Council Dinner 5:30 p.m. MPO Council Meeting - 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/2-Minute Public Comment (accepted on items not for Action)

Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to any item on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the Regular Agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to the item before the Council acts upon it.

- Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
- Approval of Minutes-Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO- May 7, 2015 (Pg. 7)

#### Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

3. Air Pollution Control Division Report (Pg.18) Chris Colclasure 15 min

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda** 

Executive Director Report (Pg. 32) Terri Blackmore 10 min

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 

5. TAC (Pg.42) (Written Report)

**CONSENT ITEM:** 

Terri Blackmore 6. RAQC Memorandum of Agreement (Pg.88)

**ACTION ITEM:** 

7. Executive Director Evaluation Process Troy Mellon 5 min

**DISCUSSION:** 

8. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Financial Plan Karasko/Johnson 30 min Regional Transit Recommendations Karasko/Blackmore 15 min

15 min

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** 

Kathy Gilliland **Transportation Commission Report** Johnny Olson **CDOT Region 4 Report** STAC Report (Pg.95) (Written Report) North I-25 Shaffer/Conway Host Council Member Report Jordan Jemiola

Other Council Members Reports Council Members

**MEETING WRAP-UP:** 

Final Public Comment (2 minutes each) Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions 5 min



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- 1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the Planning Council Chair.
- 2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
- 3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the Chair, come and stand before the Council and state name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
- 4. For each Action agenda item, the order of business is as follows:
  - > MPO staff presentation
  - > Planning Council discussion
  - > Public input on the agenda item
  - > Planning Council questions
  - > Planning Council action
- 5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
- 6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
- 7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

### **GLOSSARY**

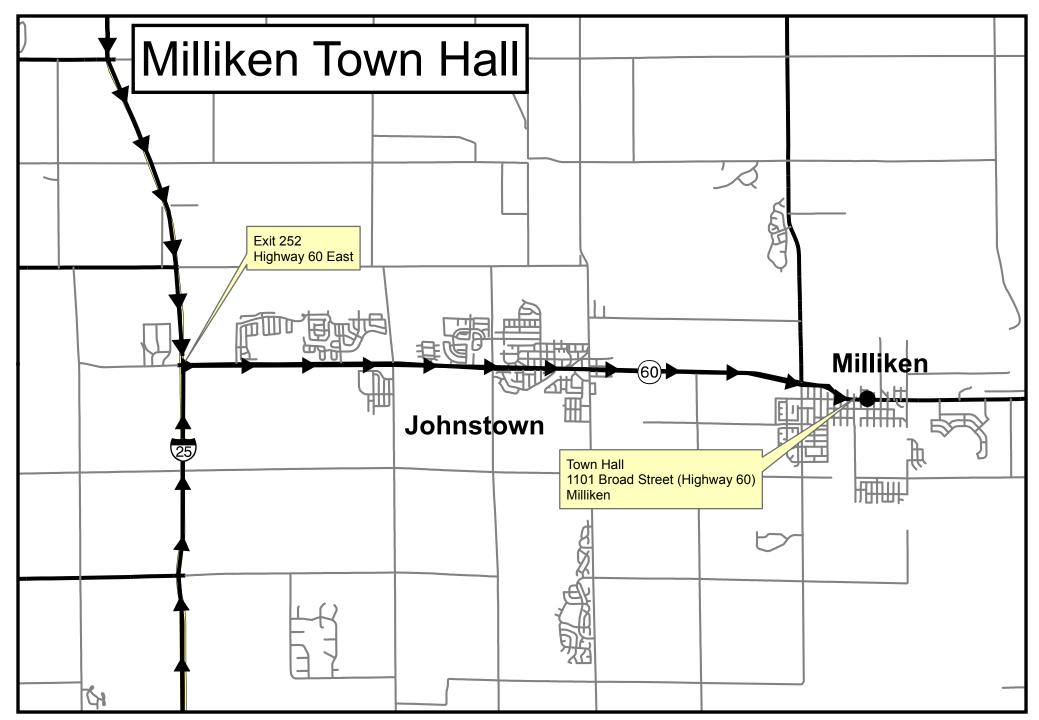
1310	State funds for surface transportation			
5303 & 5304	FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States			
5307	FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000)			
5309	FTA program funding for capital investments			
5310	FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities			
5311	FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)			
5316 (see 5307 or 5311)	FTA program funding for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC; a pre-MAP-21 program)			
<b>5317</b> (see 5310)	FTA program funding for "New Freedom" (a pre-MAP-21 program)			
5326	FTA program funding to define "state of good repair" and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets			
5337	FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair			
5339	FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities			
3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative			
7th Pot	CDOT's Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds			
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials			
ACP	Access Control Plan			
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990			
ADT	Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)			
AIS	Agenda Item Summary			
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations			
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)			
AQC	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program funds (also CMAQ)			
AQCC	Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)			
AQTC	Air Quality Technical Committee			
AWD	Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)			
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)			
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation			
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment			
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (a FHWA funding program)			
CMP	Congestion Management Process			
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas			
СО	Carbon Monoxide			
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA & FTA planning funds)			
DOT	(United States) Department of Transportation			

#### GLOSSARY (cont'd)

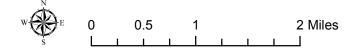
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments			
DTD	CDOT Division of Transportation Development			
DTR	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail			
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement			
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency			
FASTER	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108)			
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration			
FTA	Federal Transit Administration			
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration			
FY	Fiscal Year (October - September for federal funds; July to June for state funds)			
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year			
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle			
HPTE	High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (Colorado)			
HTF	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface transportation)			
HUTF	Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)			
I&M or I/M	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)			
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems			
LRP or LRTP	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan			
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)			
MDT	Model Development Team			
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement			
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding			
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization			
MVEB	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget			
NAA	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)			
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards			
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act			
NFRT & AQPC	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)			
NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)			
NHS	National Highway System			
NOx	Nitrogen Oxide			
OBD	On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)			
O <sub>3</sub>	Ozone			
PL	Planning (funds)			
PPP (also P3)	Public Private Partnership			

#### GLOSSARY (cont'd)

Act: A				
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State Highway State Implementation Plan (air quality)				
State Planning and Research (funds) State Rail Plan				
State Transportation Advisory Committee Surface Transportation Program funds (FHWA) for Transportation				
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#### **Meeting Minutes of the** NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL

May 7, 2015 6 p.m. **LaSalle Town Hall** 128 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street LaSalle, CO

Absent

#### **Voting Members**

<u>Present</u>		<u>Absent</u>	
Kevin Ross	-Eaton	Jan Dowker	-Berthoud

John Morris -Evans -Fort Collins Gerry Horak Tom Norton -Greeley Tom Donnelly -Larimer County Paula Cochran -LaSalle -Milliken Jordan Jemiola Paul Steinway -Timnath Kathy Gilliland -Trans. Commission Sean Conway -Weld County

-Windsor

-Johnstown Troy Mellon Brian Seifried -Garden City Joan Shaffer -Loveland -Severance Don Brookshire Chris Colclasure -APCD

#### **MPO STAFF:**

Terri Blackmore, Crystal Hedberg, Merry Anne Hood, Renae Steffen, Mary Warring

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Myles Baker

Eric Bracke, Leah Browder, Joel Hemesath, John Holdren, Myron Hora, Tyra Litzau, Janet Lundquist, Suzette Mallette, Bob Sakaguchi, Fred Starr, Gary Thomas, Steve Tool.

Chair Conway called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

#### 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted as presented.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The March 5, 2015 Minutes were approved as submitted.

#### Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Conway opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

**8. Finance-** Kevin Ross, Finance Committee Chair, briefly reviewed the Finance Committee Report and Finance Committee Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### 9. 2014 Unaudited Financial Statements- Crystal Hedberg

Crystal Hedberg, Finance Manager, introduced Tyra Litzau, Audit Director for Anton Collins Mitchell LLP. Litzau briefly reviewed the Financial Statements & Independent Auditor's Report For Year Ended December 31, 2014 and the Audit Wrap Up: May 7, 2015 with the Council.

Ross made a motion to approve the 2014 Audited Financial Statements. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

#### 10. Planning Council Designation of FTA- Mary Warring

Mary Warring, Mobility and FTA Grants Coordinator, briefly reviewed the information from the Designation of Signature Authority Memo with the Council.

Gilliland moved to approve Resolution 2015-07 Authorizing the Execution and Filing of an Application for Federal Transit Administration Funds. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### 11. Transportation Summit- Sean Conway

Conway handed out the Transportation Summit 2015 informational flyer draft to the Council and asked if they were in agreement that the MPO be a sponsor of the event and added that there was no fee to do so.

Norton made a motion to approve the North Front Range MPO sponsorship of the Transportation Summit 2015. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Conway informed the Council that sponsorship included a booth space and invited every entity to participate in the June 15<sup>th</sup> exhibit at Island Grove in Greeley.

Norton thanked Conway and Weld County for his efforts in putting the very timely, relevant conference together adding that this was one way to get transportation funding the consideration it needs.

#### 12. TRANS Bonds – Sean Conway

Conway said his original intent was to have the Council take action on the Transportation Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS Bonds) as a ballot initiative, but the bill was not passed through the Colorado Legislature. He introduced Steve Tool, Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance (NCLA), and asked him to speak to the Council about the TRANS Bond program.

Tool briefly outlined of the history of the first TRANS ballot initiative (TRANS I) approved by the Colorado General Assembly in 1999. He explained that TRANS I provided a financing mechanism allowing CDOT to issue bonds to accelerate 24 strategic transportation projects across the state, commonly referred to as 7<sup>th</sup> Pot Projects, and included the expansion of I-25 north to Hwy 66. The bonds were used to fund portions of these

projects statewide and are scheduled to be paid off in 2016. In March of this year, NCLA held a meeting with members of Governor Hickenlooper's staff and CDOT Executive Director, Shailen Bhatt, to discuss Senate Bill 272, also known as TRANS II, which would have utilized 50% of federal gas tax revenue (approximately \$220M annually) for a 20 year bonding program to generate approximately \$3.5B in funding. Projects funded by TRANS II would have been various sizes and located throughout the State. Governor Hickenlooper's office opposed the bill because they had reservations about CDOT's lack of long-term funding and Senate Bill 228's lack of success.

Tool explained that although TRANS II passed the Senate, it was assigned by Speaker Dickie Lee Hullinghorst to the State Affairs Committee, where it died on a party-line 6-5 vote on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Political polling conducted by Magellan Strategies identified that although 61% of the people of Colorado were supportive of the bill they are basically opposed to an increase in the gas tax and tolling on the I-25 corridor. Tool believes that even though TRANS II did not pass, awareness was raised on the need for transportation funding. He thanked Johnny Olson, Myron Hora and Kathy Gilliland for their efforts and said NCLA is still dedicated to finding \$3.5B in funding to aid the in the completion of the 60+ projects around Colorado.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Gilliland recognized the willingness of the MPO Council to help fund I-25 and the additional lane and said she hopes the discussions will continue with a very open dialog and she believed the upcoming Transportation Summit 2015 would provide that opportunity. She clarified that CDOT was in favor of TRANS bonds as an option but there are other sources for consideration. She thanked the FIX I-25 Alliance staff for the work they had done.

Tool reminded the Council that FIX I-25 Alliance was formed by members of NCLA.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of TRANS Bonds and the immediate need for transportation funding.

Conway thanked Tool, NCLA staff and members of CDOT for their efforts on TRANS, affirming that now the State Legislature can start the discussions that will begin the change because they now have a clear idea of what the issues for transportation really are. It is imperative that a viable solution is agreed upon directly.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### 13.RAOC Memorandum of Agreement - Terri Blackmore

Blackmore briefly reviewed information from the Draft MOA NFRMPO and Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) Memorandum.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Morris noted that the date would need to be changed.

#### **14. Executive Director Evaluation Process**- Troy Mellon

Conway handed out the Executive Director Evaluation Process Draft to the Council as Troy Mellon, Articles of Association Committee Chair, was not in attendance. He requested that Council members review the document and email any concerns, question or revisions to Mellon. He indicated that the Committee would hold a formal, noticed meeting prior to the June 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The process will be on the June agenda for discussion

and July agenda for adoption. The Articles of Association Committee includes, Mellon, Shaffer, Brookshire, Jemiola and Blackmore.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Jemiola requested that the meeting be scheduled after 5p.m.

Blackmore agreed to send out a scheduling poll to all the Committee members with that timeframe.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Transportation Commission:** Kathy Gilliland, Transportation Commissioner, District 5, announced that the date for Bustang's service launch was set for July 13<sup>th</sup>, with a maiden voyage from Fort Collins set for June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. An invitation will be sent to all Council members with the details. They are working on how to set policies for Park n Rides to address the current issues in Fort Collins and Loveland, many will be required to now park in other locations.

Hora added that flyers outlining the new parking enforcement will be handed out throughout the month of May and staff will begin physically monitoring on-site in June.

**CDOT Region 4:** Myron Hora, CDOT R4, handed out the CDOT Project Status Updates (May 7, 2015) handout and reviewed it with the Council. He also reported on the following:

- The new Deputy Executive Director for CDOT is Mike Lewis from Rhode Island.
- Chief Operating Officer, Scot Cuthbertson, left CDOT in pursuit of other opportunities.
- Shailen Bhatt held an Ice Cream Social at the Larimer County Courthouse building in honor of Public Service Employee Appreciation week.
- Correction to status of US 287 resurfacing project from Harmony Road to Mulberry Street in Fort
  Collins. The project will move forward with the single bid provided thanks to new legislation that was
  passed that allows contracts that come in above the anticipated amount upon further review and
  approval by the Executive Director as long as the costs can be justified.
- The dangerous intersection at 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and US 34 will become right in/right out (RI/RO) only.

**Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report:** Blackmore indicated that the Draft STAC Meeting Minutes had been provided in the packet for March 27<sup>th</sup>. Conway reported that there had been a very spirited conversation about TRANS Bonds at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Blackmore added that it was announced that STAC is finally forming a greatly-needed Freight Committee. There is a concern that if only STAC members are allowed on the committee they will not have the expertise needed to make appropriate decisions. She would like to recommend Becky Karasko, Regional Transportation Planning Director and asked for the Council's input.

The Council as a whole agreed that it would be beneficial to have Karasko represent the MPO on the Freight Committee since she had extensive freight knowledge.

Gilliland said she would pass the Council's recommendation on to STAC and added that it was often difficult to bring all of the right people to the same table but they do plan to engage a very broad contingent across the State.

**Host Council Member Report:** Cochran welcomed everyone to LaSalle and recognized Jessicca McKeown for the doing a great job on the room set up and Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant who provided the dinner. She invited everyone to attend LaSalle Days, July 17-19 and thanked CDOT for laying the strips and conducting the studies in preparation for putting turn signals on US 85 this summer.

#### **Other Council Reports:**

<u>Eaton-</u> Ross announced the recent opening of the newly renovated Eaton Public Library and looks forward to hosting the MPO Council there in October.

<u>Milliken</u>- Jemiola reported that Milliken is very appreciative of intersection improvements at SH 60 and SH 257 that were part of a grant received from the MPO. A contractor will be chosen soon for the Johnstown/Milliken Trail which will be either recycled asphalt or concrete.

<u>Fort Collins</u>- Horak informed the Council that Fort Collins is currently working with Loveland to possibly create a police training facility at the Fort Collins/Loveland Airport for shooting, explosives and driving track and is looking for other municipalities who are interested in partial ownership.

<u>Evans</u>- Morris announced that there is a lot of road construction starting in the next 4-6 weeks in Evans, as well as a \$75M structure for ARB Midstream going up just west of LaSalle and a large 1200 unit housing development going up in west Evans.

<u>Greeley</u>- Norton reported Greeley has approximately four times the single/multi-family development than Greeley had last year.

<u>Windsor</u> – Baker reported that Windsor is currently working on their Comprehensive Plan, the Pelican Fest Triathlon, scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and expansion on the Windsor Rec Center, which will begin this summer. There is an MS Walk on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Boardwalk Park.

<u>Timnath</u>- Steinway informed the Council that concrete had been laid for the Poudre River Trail and completion through Timnath is scheduled for later this year.

<u>Weld County</u>-Conway reported that the Parkway Project, which is the bridge over the Poudre and Platte Rivers, is on schedule for late August or early September and there will be a dedication ceremony with Governor Hickenlooper. He will update the Council once the date is finalized.

Blackmore announced that she was scheduling times and dates to meet with each community on the topic of their choice, and would bring her list to each meeting in hopes of getting everyone on the schedule in the next couple of months.

Final Public Comment: There was no final public comment.

#### FINAL WRAP-UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions: There were no suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Renae Steffen, MPO Staff





# COMMITTEE REPORT: TAC – May 20, 2015

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council May 20, 2015

#### **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2015 TAC MINUTES:**

The April 15, 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

**2040 Regional Transit Element Chapters 3-7 and Appendices B-C** – Karasko discussed updates to Chapters 3-7 of the Regional Transit Element since the previous TAC meetings. Wilkinson motioned to move forward with continued work on Chapters 3-7 and Appendices B and C with the general approach taken at the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal):**

**NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative** – Boring reported the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative is continuing to plan for their conference in November. He also presented *Ride* magazine which featured local staff members discussing the collaboration on bicycle and pedestrian issues in the region and their work with TAC on the Call for Projects.

**Regional Transit items –** Jones stated GET ridership has increased due to the Ride Free with ID program, which will continue through the summer.

Ravenschlag reported Fort Collins is studying West Elizabeth Street as the next Enhanced Travel Corridor.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Super Circular Presentation** – Andre Compton, FHWA and Steve Markowitz, CDOT presented information about the new federal Super Circular, effective on December 26, 2014. The Super Circular impacts all projects funded with federal grants by requiring end dates for each phase of the project.

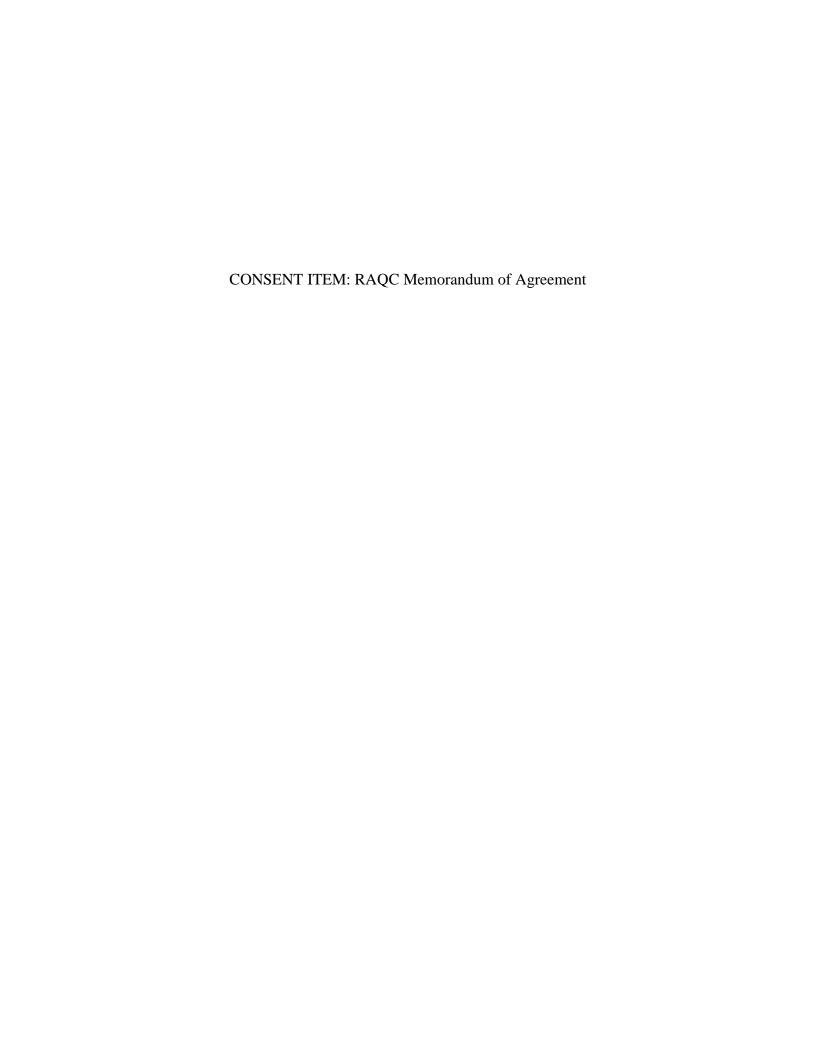
**Poudre River Trail Update** – Boring presented information about the Poudre River Trail in Larimer and Weld counties. He discussed possible ways to cross I-25 to connect the two separate parts of the trail.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**2040 Regional Transit Element Recommendation** – Karasko presented the 2040 Regional Transit Element Recommendation. TAC requested the proposed recommendation be presented to Planning Council at their June meeting prior to making a final recommendation on the full RTE.

**2040 Regional Transportation Plan Chapter 4 and 7** – Karasko presented the updates to Chapters 4 and 7 of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. TAC discussed edits needed for each chapter.

**2040 Regional Transportation Plan Chapter 10** – Karasko and Johnson presented the updates to Chapter 10 of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. TAC discussed the edits needed for the chapter and requested be presented to the Planning Council at their June meeting prior to adoption of the full RTP.





DISCUSSION ITEM: 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Financial Plan



