

November 2015 Director's Report Addendum

Regional Issues Summit

- *December 11 7:30 am to Noon*
- *7:30 am Press Conference for Northern Colorado Transportation Agenda*
- *8:30 am CDOT update for Northern Colorado Transportation*
- *9:00 am Funding Options for Transportation in Colorado*
- *9:15 am 2015 NCLA Regional Agenda*
- *9:45 am Water Update*
- *10:30 am Demographic update on Workers*
- *11:10 am Energy Reality for Northern Colorado*
- *Cost to attend is \$40*
- *<http://fortcollinschamber.com/event/regional-issues-summit-2015/>*
- *NFRMPO will have two booths and a table*

Presidential Challenge Grant

- *Staff reviewed the draft application and provided comments to CDOT.*

Bustang Ridership Update

See attached summary

Staff Trainings

- *Staff attended the NTI Transportation and Land Use course*
- *Staff attended the Beyond Traffic session*
- *Staff attended the CDOT Transportation Summit*
- *Staff attended Rail~Volution 2015*
- *I-25 TIMP Training*
- *NoCo Bike and Ped Conference*
- *INRIX Training*
- *Create a Coaching Culture That Retains and Engages Top Talent!*
- *APA Webinar - The Big Chance Lecture*
- *NHI Contract Administration Core Curriculum*
- *(SR500A) Regional Models of Cooperation -- Regional Transit Planning*

Mobility Program

- *A survey has been completed by the Larimer County Mobility Council with a 100 percent participation and positive feedback.*
- *The Weld County Mobility Council survey is currently open.*

VanGo™

- *The VanGo™ program is investigating upgrading to a new website that will automate many of the tedious tasks currently completed by staff.*
- *The new website will also make it easier for vanpoolers to search for a vanpool that matches their commute.*
- *The VanGo™ program held their Annual Safety Meetings on September 23 and 24 and 74 were in attendance.*
- *The Safety meetings changed their format to include emergency scenarios so that vanpoolers would know how to react if there are involved in an accident, have a flat tire, or a van rider becomes ill. The new format was well received by the attendees.*

- The MPO staff assisted with the VanGo™ inventory required by FTA and were able to inventory over half of the vans. The remaining vans will be completed prior to the December deadline agreed to with FTA.
- Effective November 16, the VanGo™ maintenance that has been done at Transfort will move to Wood Street Garage.
- The MPO is exploring the possibility of having some VanGo™ maintenance completed by the City of Loveland.

Air Quality Conformity

- The EPA has released the new Ozone standard and it will tighten the requirement from 75ppb to 70ppb.
- The EPA projections for the new 2015 level rule show that all but two counties in Colorado will attain the standard by 2025 – Jefferson and Larimer.

Funding Brochure

- The Transportation Team is updating the Funding Brochure to include additional funding options. The updated brochure is available on the NFRMPO website at <http://bit.ly/1XkiV5t>.

RTP and Required Plans

- NFRMPO received the FHWA and FTA final approval of the 2040 Plan and the FY 2016-19 TIP.

Board, Council and Commission Presentations

- Completed
 - Loveland, Berthoud, Greeley, Milliken, Evans, Eaton, Fort Collins, Johnstown, LaSalle, Larimer County, Severance, Timnath, Windsor and Weld

UPWP

- The FHWA, FTA and CDOT have approved the NFRMPO FY 2016 UPWP.

NFRMPO Staffing

- Effective October 1, Angela Horn resigned her position with the MPO to return to Arizona. She will be greatly missed because of her modeling skills.
- The MPO will leave the position vacant at least through the holidays.

IT Contract

- Effective October 1, 2015 the NFRMPO changed IT contractors to Greystone Technology. Thanks to Troy Mellon for serving on the selection committee.



Bustang First Quarter Summary

System

- 142,564 Revenue Miles
- \$622,983 total expenses
- \$172,660 in revenue
- 17,576 revenue passengers
- 28% Fare Box Recovery
- Avg. Fare \$9.82

North

- 49,051 Revenue Miles
- \$218,652 total expenses
- \$68,628 in revenue
- 7,699 revenue passengers
- 30% Fare Box Recovery
- Avg. Fare \$8.39

South

- 69,257 Revenue Miles
- \$308,183 total expenses
- \$63,897 in revenue
- 7,206 revenue passengers
- 21% Fare Box Recovery
- Avg. Fare \$8.87

West

- 24,256 Revenue Miles
- \$108,393 total expenses
- \$44,016 in revenue
- 2,636 revenue passengers
- 41% Fare Box Recovery
- Avg. Fare \$16.70

Safety/Security

- 4 minor collisions 2.75 Acc/100K miles

Social Media/ Web analytics

- 701 Facebook “likes”
 - Rated 4.6 out of 5
 - Facebook Reach = 287 per post.
- 178 Twitter Followers
- Web analytics
 - 848 hits per day

Issues

- E-commerce issues continue
 - Printed QR Codes are not “bad-listing”

On Time Performance

- System - 91%
- North Route - 92%
- South Route - 91%
- West Route - 90%

Next Steps

- Continue phase II technology upgrade - INIT/RTD
- Upgrade West Route Service to daily 365 days per year effective November 16 as well as clean up running time issues
- Study North and South Sat & Sun service and report back to T & I committee in January
- Commission to approve purchase of 3 more Bustang Buses in November

Monthly Report from CDPHE to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

November 2015

The Air Quality Control Commission:

- The AQCC met jointly with the Colorado Board of Health on October 15. Agenda items included:
 - Approval of the Commission's Annual Report to the Public, which is an overview on air quality topics across the state. The report can be found on the Commissions website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc-annual-report-public>
 - The presentation of 2015 ozone season results and the process for developing an updated ozone plan through the Regional Air Quality Council. The monitoring site on the western edge of Fort Collins and three other monitors in the Denver metro area continue to violate the 75 parts per billion ozone standard adopted in 2008.
 - The presentation of EPA's newly promulgated ozone standard of 70 ppb. This new standard will further challenge the region; the two Fort Collins monitors, the Weld County monitor, and numerous Denver metro monitors exceed this new standard.
 - An overview on EPA's new Clean Power Plan regulations and the State's efforts to garner stakeholder input on developing a compliance plan.
 - An overview on the implementation of the State's oil and gas hydrocarbon emission reduction regulations adopted in 2014. Industry reports described over 1,500 leaks detected and repaired in just the first year of implementation.
- The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for November 19.
- Information on the Commission's past and planned activities can be found on their website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc>

The Air Pollution Control Division:

- Began stakeholder outreach on the Clean Power Plan to reduce power plant carbon emissions. The Division gave several presentations and is accepting comment at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/CleanPowerPlan>.



- Finalized its emissions inventory for the ozone nonattainment area. Initial 2017 baseline modeling results reflecting the benefit of new technologies and Regulation 7 are expected in late November.
- Hired Paul Lee as a Transportation Planner, effective November 2.
- Is preparing to comment on EPA's proposed oil and gas regulations.
- CDPHE launched its new Oil and Gas Health Information and Response program. Members of the public may talk to staff about possible impacts of oil and gas on health, and access online resources at <http://www.oghir.dphe.state.co.us/>.

Responses to questions from the September 2015 Council meeting:

- Smoke impacts from wildfires in other states coincided with ozone exceedances on three days in summer 2015:
 - August 21 (81 ppb recorded at the Aurora East monitor)
 - August 24 (80 ppb recorded at the Fort Collins West monitor)
 - August 25 (80 ppb recorded at the NREL monitor in Golden)
- The region would fail to attain the ozone standard if these exceedances were excluded, based on elevated readings in June and July 2015 (unverified data).
- Two field studies have been conducted in and around Rocky Mountain National Park to better understand the composition and levels of the deposited reactive nitrogen in the park, and the contribution of source regions. They have found that:
 - Reduced nitrogen (ammonia) emissions are primarily from agriculture, where emissions inventories show contributions of 70 to 80 percent.
 - Deposition depends on the season, with spring and summer higher.
 - The largest source category is Colorado agriculture, estimated to contribute 11 to 13 percent wet deposition and 16 to 18 percent total deposition during the highest season (spring).
 - This information is available online in the 2012 Rocky Mountain National Park Initiative Nitrogen Milestone Report at https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/AP_PO_RMNP-Initiative-2013-Milestone-Report.pdf





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Re: Proposed Bill addressing STAC Advice to the Colorado
Transportation Commission

Representative Carver:

The North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRMPO) supports the change in statute that would give the State Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) standing to provide direct communication to the Colorado Transportation Commission. The practice for many years was that STAC provided direct communication to the Transportation Commission through the STAC chair.

The NFRMPO supports changing statute to reinstate this practice and codify it in law. This provides the Colorado Transportation Commission with the value of more advice with different perspectives allowing them to make the best decisions.

Sincerely,

Jan Dowker, Immediate Past Chair and STAC Representative