

**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**

**December 16, 2015
1:13 – 2:07 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Bracke, Chair - Greeley
Suzette Mallette, Vice-Chair – Larimer County
Dawn Anderson – Evans
Jeff Bailey – Loveland
Christopher Barnes - COLT
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
John Holdren – Severance
Seth Hyberger – Milliken
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Gary Thomas - SAINT
Dennis Wagner – Windsor
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Brothers - Berthoud
Aaron Bustow - FHWA
Gary Carsten – Eaton
John Franklin – Johnstown
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marissa Gaughan – CDOT
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT
Timothy Wilder - Transfort

NFRMPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore
Becky Karasko
Aaron Buckley
Alex Gordon
Josh Johnson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bracke called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Johnson announced he has accepted a planning position in Albuquerque and will be leaving the NFRMPO. His last day is Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2015 TAC MINUTES

Holdren moved to approve the November 18, 2015 TAC Meeting Minutes. Anderson supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

FY2016 UPWP Amendment

Wilkinson

Wilkinson stated the Transfort Route Improvement Project (TRIP) needed to be amended as a task into the FY2016 UPWP. The TRIP will use FTA 5304 funds and was amended into the FY2016-2019 TIP in December. Unified Planning Work Program ()Mallette moved to

recommend Council approval of the FY2016 UPWP amendment. Wilkinson supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Election of 2016 TAC Officers

Karasko

Karasko explained a new chair needed to be elected due to the completion of Bracke's second year term. Mallette nominated Anderson as 2016 TAC Chair. Anderson stated she was willing to serve. Wilkinson supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Wilkinson nominated Wagner for Vice-Chair. Wagner stated he was willing to serve. Bailey supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Wilkinson thanked Chair Bracke on behalf of TAC for his service. Karasko presented Bracke with a certificate of appreciation for his work as Chair.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

Regional Air Quality Council

Brimmer discussed current modeling efforts for the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Preliminary results reveal all monitors, with the exception of Rocky Flats and Chatfield, as being under the National Standard for Ozone by 2017. RAQC Subcommittees will resume meeting early in 2016 to discuss additional strategies to reach attainment under the 75 ppb air quality standards. Brimmer also stated control strategies initiated in the oil and gas industry in Weld County have had a positive impact on air quality levels.

PRESENTATION

TAC and NFRMPO Accomplishments

Blackmore/Karasko

Blackmore and Karasko presented TAC and Staff accomplishments during 2014 and 2015 including model updates, TIP updates, changes to the Call for Projects process, project selection criteria, performance measures, the NFRMPO newsletter, air quality conformity determinations, approved plans (2040 RTP, 2015 CMP, 2015 PIP, and the 2040 RTE), FY2016 UPWP, vehicle travel time and bicycle counters, public outreach initiatives, and local assistance activities.

DISCUSSION ITEM

CDOT 10-Year Development Plan – Regional Priority Program (RPP) Discussion Schneiders

Schneiders discussed CDOT's effort to create a 10-Year Development Plan. The plan will be a living document which will outline illustrative projects and funding in the event additional funding is allocated to CDOT. Schneiders presented information on the RPP funding projects included in the 10-Year Development Plan. For FY2016, \$11.6M in RPP funds have been allocated to CDOT R4. It is assumed \$11.6M in RPP funds will be allocated annually to CDOT R4 during the life of the plan. Interstate design funds are taken off the top for I-25, I-70, and I-76 projects. The project listings will be modified if RPP funding changes. Schneiders said the Plan is anticipated to be updated every three-to-four years.

Blackmore asked for clarification between design and construction funds for I-25 under the North Front Range (NFR) section. Schneiders clarified a portion of the funds in the first four years for I-25 is reserved for the Berthoud Hill Truck Climbing Lane. Blackmore stated some may not be comfortable with showing construction funds for FY20-25 without showing specific

construction projects. Schneiders stated those construction funds are shown as a placeholder for future projects.

Schneiders will report back to TAC after the development plan is presented at the January Council meeting.

REPORTS

TIP Administrative Modification Updates

Johnson

Johnson stated December TIP Modifications were included in the TAC packet. He also reported that Buckley will become the new manager of the TIP after Johnson leaves the NFRMPO. Bracke asked for clarification on a few Roll-Forward projects. Kathy Seelhoff stated the modifications were done to match funds by fiscal year in the TIP to the STIP.

Roundtable

All

Wilkinson stated the Ribbon Cutting for Shields Street/LCR17 project took place on December 9, 2015. The project was done as a partnership between Fort Collins and Larimer County. STP-Metro and TAP funds were used to construct the project.

Schneiders stated Myron Hora is leaving CDOT on December 23, 2015. CDOT R4 will host an open house for their new facility on December 21, 2015 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Karasko stated the Freight Plan is being made into a two year effort to concur with CDOT's Freight Passenger Rail Plan and the Statewide Multi Modal Freight Plan. The Non-Motorized Plan will hopefully be adopted in September, 2016. The NFRMPO currently has a job listing for a Transportation Planner I.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – Karasko stated the January TAC meeting will have two presentations, a work session on TAC Calendar and tasks for 2016, and a report back from Schneiders on the CDOT 10-Year Development Plan and RPP discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Josh Johnson, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.