Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) Meeting
Greeley Chamber of Commerce
902 7th Avenue

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

WCMC Chair

1. Introductions
2. Review of Agenda
3. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
4. Approval of Meeting Notes (January)

5. Discussion Items
   Final 2016 Riders Guide
   2016 Goals and Roster
   - Committee Purpose
   - Current and Future Committee Roster
   - Goals and Strategies
   Greeley-Evans Transit News/Updates
   - Paratransit & Call-n-Ride Same Day Scheduling
   - Relocation of Downtown Transfer Center

6. Council Member Reports
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016
The Weld County Mobility Council meets the fourth Tuesday every other month.

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Weld County Mobility Council

Meeting Notes – January 26, 2016
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Greeley Chamber of Commerce
903 7th Avenue - Greeley, CO

WCMC Members in Attendance:
Mary Lu Walton, Envision
Danielle Baker, Frontier House
Dori Baker, Frontier House
Charlotte Butler, Frontier House
Will Jones, Greeley-Evans Transit – GET
Lyle Smith Graybeal, United Way of Weld County
Rebecca Stark, Greeley Center for Independence (GCI)

LCMC Liaison:
Ruth Fletcher-Carter, Berthoud RAFT

NFRMPO Staff: Becky Karasko, AICP

1. **Introductions**
2. **Review of Agenda** - There were no changes to the agenda.
3. **Public Comment** (Non-Agenda Items) – There was no public comment.
4. **Approval of Meeting Notes** (December) – Walton asked if any members had changes to the meeting notes. Seeing none, the notes were approved as written.

5. **Discussion Items**
   
   **DRAFT 2016 Rider’s Guide (handout)** – Karasko provided print versions of the updated Rider’s Guide and added comments received to-date have been incorporated. Smith Graybeal stated the maps and pictures were good. Fletcher-Carter stated paratransit and demand-response services should acknowledge if they are ADA-accessible by adding the handicap symbol. Jones stated Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) should be made more prominent to draw attention. Additionally, the GET Call-n-Ride service should be updated with the new hours of operation.

   **2016 Tasks** – A copy of the WCMC 2015/2016 Meeting Ideas and the 2015 WCMC Work Plan were provided as part of the meeting packet. Suggestions for future tasks include:
   - Hosting a travel training session for WCMC members for new GET routes;
   - Have the MPO facilitate more participation, specifically Weld County; and
   - Having the WCMC meetings be the distribution point for bus passes to social service agencies as an incentive for attendance and participation.

   At the March 2016 WCMC meeting, members should reexamine the WCMC’s purpose, including organizations and members to pursue as well as the goals and strategies in the WCMC’s work plan.
Greeley-Evans Transit (GET) News/Updates – Jones stated the new routes for GET were introduced on January 4th. Feedback has been generally positive (80-90 percent positive feedback). Ridership is up five percent over 2015. Benches are being moved and new shelters are being constructed as the weather permits. New technological items include text arrival updates for bus users to text their bus stop number and see arrival times for the next bus. Jones reported new GET buses are expected to be delivered in July. The new buses will be low-floor buses with 31 seats and three wheelchair securements.

Jones also reported there is currently a study for transit service between Fort Collins and Greeley, possibly via Windsor. The study is looking at the faculty and students at University of Northern Colorado and Colorado State University. Possible service would be two to three buses in the morning, one midday, and two to three buses in the evening.

6. Council Member Reports

   United Way – SmithGraybeal stated January 27th is the Homeless Point in Time Count, including a sheltered and unsheltered count. This will include Windsor, Garden Valley, and Fort Lupton.

   Frontier House – Baker reported Frontier House will be holding a banquet on January 28th. Additionally, the discounted bus pass issue has been fixed.

   RAFT – There will be a Broncos memorabilia raffle supporting RAFT on February 14th.

7. Adjournment – 2:20 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday – March 22, 2016
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The primary goal of the WCMC is to ensure people who need transportation have access to the service they need for self-sufficiency and to live independently.

GOALS
Goals identified for Weld County in the 2014 NFRMPO Coordinated Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan include:

1. Improve Employment Transportation and Access
2. Improve Medical Transportation Services
3. Education and Awareness of Transportation Services
4. Identify Funding and Develop Steady Funding Resources

Strategies
Thirteen strategies have been identified by the WCMC for achieving identified goals including:

1. Expanded Community Outreach
2. Mobility Coordinator/Mobility Coordination Program Staff
3. Employment Transportation
4. Improved Accessibility of Fixed-route Bus Stops and Signage
5. Communication Equipment for Volunteer or Non-profit organizations
6. Transit to Transit Connectivity
7. Transit Connectivity to Areas Currently without Transit Services
8. Expansion of Fixed-route Service
9. Additional Service Hours for Fixed-route & Paratransit Service
10. Multi-Agency Coordinated Travel Training Program
11. Coordination Event(s) in partnership with human service groups or organizations
12. Online Resource Guide
13. Regular Mobility Council Meetings
PROJECTS
The WCMC has prioritized eight projects for 2015 however all strategies are important to meeting overall goals and additional projects will be pursued if coordination opportunities are available.

1. **Transit to Transit Connectivity**
   **Objective** – Increase connectivity between existing transit services.
   **Strategy** – Support funding for transit service that connects communities and helps to eliminate gaps in service. Examples include transit agency connections between Fort Collins and Loveland, Greeley and Loveland and to destinations to the south. Currently, the success of the FLEX commuter service which connects Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud and Longmont could be used as a template for future transit service connections.
   **Outcome** – Increased transit service between communities within the North Front Range area and to destinations to the south including businesses on the SH85 corridor, Longmont and the Denver Metro area.

2. **Transit Connectivity to Areas Currently without Transit Services.**
   **Objective** – Increase connectivity to communities outside the North Front Range urban area.
   **Strategy** – Support funding for transit service that connects communities and helps to eliminate gaps in service. An example would be to connect senior center shuttles from communities such as Wellington, Windsor and Johnstown to transit services that go to the larger urban areas.
   **Outcome** – Increased transit service between communities within the North Front Range area and foster connections with residents that have limited transportation options.

3. **Expansion of Fixed-route Service**
   **Objective** – Help to expand fixed-route services.
   **Strategy** – Support funding for transit service that increases the frequency of bus service on existing routes and/or provides expansion of service area boundaries.
   **Outcome** – Increased fixed-route services in areas that have a demonstrated need for additional fixed-route services.

4. **Additional Service Hours for Fixed-route & Paratransit Service**
   **Objective** – Help to eliminate the service gap that exists when fixed-route and paratransit stops providing service in the evening and on weekends.
   **Strategy** – Support funding for transit service that operates before or after fixed-route service hours. Extended service could include options must be public in nature and service for those that might normally use paratransit services.
Outcome – **Extended hours of operation** for paratransit service that serves individuals who have transportation needs that fall outside of fixed-route transportation operating hours.

5. **Improved Accessibility of Fixed-route Bus Stops and Signage**
   **Objective** – Improvements that make the stops more accessible to seniors or people with disabilities.
   **Strategy** – On-going support of funding for transit agencies and other entities that would undertake bus stop accessibility projects. Matching funds would come from the communities where the bus stops are located. This might include various cement pads, connections to existing sidewalks, enhanced shelters, additional schedule information, new signage and other improvements. Additionally, maintenance, awareness and code enforcement are needed.
   **Outcome** – Fully accessible bus stops and signage and/or facilities.

6. **Expanded Community Outreach**
   **Objective** – To inform the community of the issues surrounding human services transportation and awareness of the mobility council’s transportation goals and strategies.
   **Strategy** – To address community and civic groups with updated information that focuses on examples of successes through current projects and coordinated efforts of the council. Program materials will help educate the general public about mobility coordination and the work of the mobility council.

   Outcome – Increased community awareness of the value of agency coordination and the need for multiple transportation options so residents can travel within their communities and to other regional destinations.

7. **Marketing and Maintenance of Online Resource Guide**
   **Objective** – Continue partnership with Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council (DRMAC) to provide Northern Colorado data and information to the DRMAC online guide.

   **Strategy** – Hire a consultant to complete the database component of the project and to train mobility coordination staff to continue database maintenance. Work with consultant to ensure database functionality best serves target population. Marketing through outreach and distribution of Riders Guide and database maintenance are the key 2015 strategies.

   **Outcome** – A user friendly online resource guide for consumers and agency representatives to plan transit trips within the NFRMPO region and to the Denver Metro area. The database will incorporate individual transit agency trip planning/online tools through links and NFRMPO
transit program(s) promotion. Steady growth of database visits/use by consumers and agency representatives is the key outcome in 2015. A longer term goal is to use the guide as a data collection point for demonstrating the need for transit connections between the two regions.

8. **Travel Training Program Partnerships**  
**Objective** – To expand travel training so more residents are familiar with public transit services. Public/private partnerships will sponsor a larger travel training program that encourages more Weld County residents to be comfortable with and use public transit services.

**Strategy**– Work with public and private agency partners to create travel training opportunities that foster and encourage Weld County residents to “Try Transit”.
- Help create a better understanding of travel training’s impact on transit services in Weld County.
- Help facilitate and sponsor travel training program connections particularly in reaching out to private sector partners.
- Support to program agencies including materials, data tracking and training if needed.

**Outcome** – Ongoing travel training opportunities that utilize public/private sponsorships and engage target audiences including seniors, individuals with disabilities and the general public.
Weld County Mobility Council
2015/2016 Meeting Ideas

Three Primary Objectives

1. Focused learning opportunities w/ guest speakers
2. Change of venue/project meeting
3. Research to the WCMC for discussion

Strategies

- Invite a guest speaker – outside of the Weld area to speak on a selected topic (perhaps the UNC professor on the senior survey)

- Invite a guest speaker – local who runs a Weld program of interest

- Host a travel training session for WCMC members – perhaps to align with the opening of the new transit center next fall.

- Host a lunch meeting – change meeting time, invite members of public (state regulations for purchasing lunch) and select a topic/focus for the meeting.

- Solicit new member agencies to bring new faces & topics to the table.

- Rural transportation – looking at what other communities have done

- CO SIM Model and how it affects HS providers

Suggestions?