

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council**

**Windsor Recreation Center - Pine Room  
250 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Windsor, Colorado**

**August 17, 2016  
1:02 – 2:46 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dawn Anderson, Chair – Evans  
Dennis Wagner, Vice-Chair – Windsor  
Eric Bracke – Greeley  
Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud  
John Holdren – Severance  
Dave Klockeman – Loveland Alternate  
Suzette Mallette – Larimer County  
Karen Schneiders – CDOT  
Gary Thomas – SAINT  
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

Terri Blackmore  
Aaron Buckley  
Alex Gordon  
Becky Karasko  
Medora Kealy

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Amanda Brimmer – RAQC  
Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Gary Carsten – Eaton  
John Franklin – Johnstown  
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath  
Paul Lee – APCD  
Janet Lundquist – Weld County  
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Averill – Transfort  
Sarah Boyd – NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative  
Nicole Hahn – Fort Collins  
Will Jones – Greeley  
Tim Kirby – CDOT  
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2016 TAC MINUTES**

Mallette moved to approve the July 20, 2016 TAC meeting minutes. Klockeman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

No items this month.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**FY2016 Q3 TIP Amendment** – Buckley stated Planning Council approved the Q3 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment at their August 4 meeting contingent on TAC concurrence. The Amendment moves Regional Priority Program (RPP) funds from the *NFR I-25: Post EIS Design & ROW* to the new *US 34: PEL Study* project. Bracke moved to concur with Planning Council's approval, Mallette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

**NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative** – Boyd reported NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative met August 10 at CSU to learn about the CSU Bike Plan and view the campus' bicycle infrastructure. Boyd invited TAC to send a representative to NoCo meetings. Boyd stated NoCo members are providing feedback on the Non-Motorized Plan. Mallette asked if NoCo members will review TA applications. Buckley stated he will send NoCo members an email to gauge interest.

**Regional Transit Items** – Klockeman stated Loveland was notified to vacate the COLT bus stop at the Orchards Shopping Center, which is used as a transfer center with FLEX. Options for relocating the transfer center are being discussed, and Klockeman will provide updates to TAC.

## **PRESENTATION**

**Together We Go** – Tim Kirby, CDOT, stated Together We Go is an initial public outreach effort to maximize the effectiveness of limited funding. Kirby stated safety, congestion relief, and improving the existing system were the top priorities for the NFRMPO region during the 2014 and 2016 Telephone Town Halls. Kirby stated two Statewide Plan goals correspond to those priorities: Safety and Mobility. Wilkinson asked how the Mobility goal addresses congestion relief. Kirby stated the Mobility goal is about integrating plans and improving operations. Wilkinson suggested changing “transit choice” to “travel choice” under the Mobility goal. Jones suggested adding “and others” after “Interregional Transit (Bustang)” under the Mobility goal.

Kirby then led a discussion on changing conditions and needs in the region. TAC members stated major regional changes include increases in overall and specifically senior populations, VMT, housing costs (which spur longer commutes and limit travel choices), the economy, tourism, and regional collaboration. Safety issues in the region include congestion on I-25, distracted driving, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and speed differentials on ramps. Kirby asked if improvements can be made to data and information provided by CDOT. Mallette stated the safety data available on the CDOT website is not intuitive. Schneiders stated there is local interest to have training on the OTIS system. Klockeman stated VMS should provide real time information about upcoming conditions. Kirby asked which emerging vehicle technology is most promising for increasing safety. TAC member responses included speed differential detection, automatic brake systems, autonomous vehicles, texting prevention systems, and clear pavement markings.

Kirby stated the presentation was created specifically for the North Front Range region, and TAC members can request changes to the presentation. Kirby encouraged TAC members use the presentation to help communicate with their boards and councils and other interested groups.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Critical Urban Freight Corridors/Alt Fuels Corridors** – Schneiders stated the FAST Act enables designation of up to 160 miles of Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs) and 80 miles of Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) statewide. The state of Colorado designates CRFCs. Depending on urbanized population size, CUFCs are designated by the state in consultation with MPOs, which is the case for the NFRMPO, or by the MPO in consultation with the state. Designated roads submitted to FHWA will be eligible for freight funding. Schneiders stated Colorado Freight Corridors are a separate state-level designation, and asked for recommended changes. No changes were suggested. Schneiders recommended submitting specific road sections for designation as CRFCs and CUFCs on an as-needed basis to align with projects which will go through the federal discretionary application process; TAC members concurred. Schneiders noted it would take approximately two weeks to add a designation, which requires the removal of an existing designation from another road.

Schneiders stated the Alt Fuel Corridors will be submitted to FHWA on August 22 and asked for any suggested changes. Mallette asked if the map displays current infrastructure or planned

infrastructure. Schneiders explained it shows both, since the intent is to build on what already exists. Some TAC members were concerned the map could be misleading, since many corridors do not yet have alternative fuel infrastructure. Kirby stated the map is not intended for widespread public distribution, and FHWA will make the final determination on Alt Fuel Corridors. TAC members suggested adding US 287 from Denver to the Wyoming state line.

**FY2020-2021 Call for Projects** – Gordon reviewed the Call for Projects deadlines. He stated CMAQ project descriptions were due August 16, and 10 descriptions were received. Gordon sent out data requests, and information is due August 26. All applications are due September 9 and must be emailed to both Gordon and Karasko. He stated the Call for the Volkswagen Settlement is being postponed due to a lack of information. The project scoring meeting will occur September 21. Please notify Karasko by September 16 if interested in participating on the Scoring Committee. Karasko stated the CMAQ project narratives were submitted to Aaron Bustow who will provide eligibility determinations by August 31.

**2040 RTP Amendment and TIP Conformity Schedule** – Karasko stated the Call for 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments will be open September 1 through 16. Karasko will send the form to TAC members, and amendment requests will be discussed at the September 21 TAC meeting. Karasko presented three possible schedules for completing the 2040 RTP Amendment and TIP Conformity, dependent on when a public hearing can be requested and held with the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC). All three options conclude by May 2017.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

Mallette stated she was asked to serve as the local representative for the I-25 design-build team, and Lundquist is the alternate. Mallette requested TAC members notify her of any comments or concerns they or their communities may have about the project so she can bring them to CDOT. She noted the standing meeting for the I-25 design-build team is at the same time as TAC meetings. Schneiders asked TAC if they would like to receive updates on I-25 from the project manager. Wilkinson suggested TAC should receive updates at strategic milestones. Blackmore suggested receiving updates if there are major changes.

Schneiders stated 18 TAP applications were submitted from CDOT Region 4. The selection panel will email any questions to applicants the week of August 22, and applicants will have until the end of the month to respond. The selection panel meeting is scheduled for late September, and applicants will likely be notified of project selection after the beginning of the year.

### **MEETING WRAP-UP**

**Final Public Comment** – There was no final public comment.

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions** – 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment, Call For Projects Scoring, and Transportation Improvement Program Conformity Schedule

**Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:**

Medora Kealy, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.**