

**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**

**August 16, 2017
1:03 p.m. - 2:52 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Anderson, Chair - Evans
Dennis Wagner, Vice-Chair - Windsor
Jeff Bailey - Loveland
Janet Bedingfield - Senior Resource Services
Amanda Brimmer - RAQC
Stephanie Brothers - Berthoud
Eric Fuhrman - Timnath
Will Jones - Greeley/GET
Tim Kemp - Fort Collins
Janet Lundquist - Weld County
Rusty McDaniel - Larimer County, Alternate
Karen Schneiders - CDOT
Nick Wharton - Severance

NFRMPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore
Ryan Dusil
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Medora Kealy
Sarah Martin

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Aaron Bustow - FHWA
Gary Carsten - Eaton
John Franklin - Johnstown
Wendy Heywood - LaSalle
Ranae Tunison - FTA
CDPHE - APCD
Town of Milliken

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Averill - Transfort
Alisa Babler - CDOT
Jim Eussen - CDOT
Marissa Gaughan - CDOT
Chris Johnson - Bike Fort Collins
Katrina Kloberdanz - CDOT
Mitch Nelson - Severance
Elizabeth Relford - Weld County
Kathy Seelhoff - CDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2017 TAC MINUTES

Lundquist moved to approve the July 19, 2017 TAC meeting minutes. Bailey seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

FY2017 Program of Projects (POP) - Averill explained the FY2017 Program of Projects (POP), which includes projects within the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA) which use FTA §5307, §5310, and §5339 funds. §5307 funds operations, preventative maintenance, and the Dial-a-Ride program; §5310 funds the Dial-a-Taxi program and its expansion to Loveland; and §5339 funds capital needs. Averill reported Transfort held a public meeting on August 1, 2017. Averill stated the POP will be taken to the September Planning Council meeting for approval. Jones recommended

Planning Council approval of the FY2018 POP. Bailey seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Annual TIP Review - Kealy stated the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Delay Procedure is included in the NFRMPO TIP to promote the timely use of federal funds. Kealy explained TAC can provide a one-year extension to delayed projects if CDOT can guarantee the funds in the next fiscal year. If a second one-year extension is needed, TAC can recommend Planning Council issue a second extension or recommended Planning Council remove the funds from that project and either return them to the pool or fund another project. Kealy collected project status information from TIP Project Sponsors with funding in FY2016 and FY2017, and the information is included in Table 1 in the TAC packet. Six projects have not gone to advertisement and are considered delayed. Jones asked for clarification on the Greeley 10th Street Phase 1 and Phase II projects, and Kealy responded the initial program year in the TIP may be switched. Kealy asked if TAC members consider the procedure to be valuable, since it has not been conducted since 2014. Schneiders stated the Annual TIP Review is valuable as a supplement to the quarterly Federal Inactives Report, and others agreed the Annual TIP Review is working well.

Blackmore asked about the status of the *Loveland CNG vehicle replacement* project. Bailey explained Loveland is currently undertaking a vehicle study, which should be complete by 2018, and vehicles could not be purchased until 2019 at the earliest. Blackmore asked if the funds should be moved to another project, and Bailey responded Loveland does not currently have another project and he would return the funds to the pool. Schneiders clarified this would not be a funding swap, but rather relinquishing the funds.

Averill stated Transfort only received one bid for their last RFP and needed to go back out for bid. Funding may not be spent for another 12 months as the bus is being built. Averill asked if that would cause any issues. Blackmore asked if the funding was flexed to FTA, and Averill responded Transfort is in the process. Kealy clarified the policy is concerned with the advertisement date.

Lundquist made a motion to recommend an automatic one-year extension to delayed projects included in Table 1 of the TAC packet, excluding the *Loveland CNG Vehicle Replacement* project. Bailey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FY2018-19 UPWP Amendment - Blackmore stated the Local Transportation Plan task needed to be amended into the UPWP. The task will be budget neutral, but will ensure there is funding for a local plan consultant. No dollars were included because funding is being discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on August 17. Staff time is already included in the UPWP. Eaton, Severance, Timnath, Weld County, and Windsor are planning to study Harmony Road/WCR74 and develop an Access Control Plan. Wharton recommended Planning Council approval of the FY2018-19 UPWP Amendment. Lundquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

Northern Colorado (NoCo) Bike & Ped Collaborative - Dusil stated the August NoCo Bike & Ped meeting included updates from CDOT on the North I-25 project design between Prospect Road and SH402, and a work session to discuss potential projects to use Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding that will be returned to the NFRMPO. The Great Western Trail Authority, Fort Collins, and Windsor presented projects. Projects will be evaluated at the September NoCo meeting, and a recommendation to TAC will be made after. A workshop on winter trail maintenance is tentatively planned for November.

Regional Transit Items - Bailey reported the COLT contracted paratransit service plan will be presented to the Loveland City Council on September 19. Averill stated Transfort is moving forward with the new Colorado State University (CSU) Stadium transportation plan. GET will be providing vehicles and drivers to help provide service on CSU game days. Averill added 365-day Transfort service starts August 27. FLEX regional partners continue to meet to discuss funding for the FLEX to Boulder, which uses a CMAQ grant through the end of FY2018. Jones reported the GET Regional

Transportation Center opens on August 21, and a grand opening event will be held September 8 at 4:00 p.m. Minor route changes will occur. Jones stated GET ridership is up 13 percent year-over-year compared to 2016. Planning continues on the Regional Route Study, including discussing funding options. Schneiders reported CDOT is adding one roundtrip to Bustang's North Line beginning August 20 and two trips each on Saturday and Sunday. The Bustang RamsRoute and BroncosRide will also return this year.

Senior Transportation Items - Bedingfield reported Senior Resource Services continues to see increases in new clients, which are up 22 percent. A major issue is finding volunteer drivers, which creates particular challenges for the rural portions of Weld County. SRS is working with GET paratransit to help provide more rides.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) - Brimmer stated there is clean data so far for 2017, meaning no monitor has gone above the ozone standard more than twice this year. This could potentially lead to two one-year extensions for possible attainment in 2019. Brimmer reported EPA rescinded the delay in new designations for the 2015 ozone standard, but the timeline for revocation of the old standard is not yet known. RAQC is looking into a Clean Air Act Section 179B demonstration which would use modeling to show the region would attain the ozone standard but for anthropogenic emissions from outside of the US. Brimmer stated there is an Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) hearing on October 19-20 to discuss new oil and gas regulations. RAQC will be holding a Low-Emission, Lawn & Garden, Local Government Field Day event on October 17. Anderson asked about the NREL monitor, which had been above the standard in previous months. Brimmer stated a malfunction had increased readings at that monitor and it does not impact the clean data.

PRESENTATIONS

CDOT ADA Plan - Katrina Klobberdanz, CDOT Region 4, presented on CDOT's ADA Transition Plan. CDOT plans to have all ramps on CDOT facilities be ADA-accessible within five years. New standards and guidelines have been created, which will be used in new projects. The Colorado Transportation Commission has set aside \$85M statewide for these projects between FY2017 and FY2021. CDOT Region 4 is preparing a prioritization plan, which includes a scope of work, obtaining a Program Management Consultant Engineer, and advertising for non-project specific contracts for design. CDOT Region 4 has a goal to begin pre-construction activities for ramps in Tiers I and II during FY2017 and FY2018, with up to three small projects ready for advertisement by June 2018. There are 92 Tier I ramps and 461 Tier II ramps in the NFRMPO region. Jones asked what coordination CDOT had undertaken with local communities. Klobberdanz responded any local agency project would already include the new standards, but once the consultants are on board, Klobberdanz will meet with local communities. Kemp asked if he should continue to work with his current Local Agency Representative. Klobberdanz responded he should.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - Karasko introduced Chris Johnson, Bike Fort Collins, who discussed partnering with the NFRMPO to expand the Safe Routes to School program to the entire region at the August Planning Council meeting. The UPWP includes a task for the NFRMPO to write a SRTS grant on behalf of schools or school districts in the region. The SRTS Call for Projects is open and applications are due November 1. TAC members should reach out to Karasko or Dusil if interested in participating and to provide contacts at elementary schools and additional partners. Johnson stated Bike Fort Collins has underutilized resources that could be made available regionally. Bike Fort Collins, a 501(c)(3), applied for SRTS funding six years ago and hired staff to visit each elementary school in the Poudre School District on a three-year rotating schedule to teach students how to maintain bicycles, traffic safety, and other useful skills. There is currently a League of American Bicyclists League Cycling Instructor (LCI) Coach who can certify LCIs locally to visit other schools. Johnson stated it costs about \$8 per student to run the program. Johnson indicated Bike Fort Collins is working with University of Northern Colorado to do a before and after study of the impacts of the program. Averill stated Bike Fort Collins should work with the Fort Collins Police Department to work on consistent reporting of crashes, because it is currently hard to find good data. Lundquist indicated

Bella Romero Academy had reached out with interest in the program. Anderson stated Evans has a new Community Resource Officer who may be interested.

CDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets - Alisa Babler, CDOT, presented on the State's Safety Performance Measure Targets. CDOT is required to set targets for fatalities, fatality rate, serious injuries, serious injury rate, and non-motorized fatalities. The NFRMPO needs to decide if it will adopt CDOT's performance measure targets and methodology or if it will create its own by February 2018. Babler stated CDOT forecasted increases in all five measures, and is being proactive by setting targets that incorporate those forecasts. Averill asked if CDOT is studying causality of crashes. Babler responded CDOT analyzes the data provided. Information like distracted driving, impairment due to marijuana, and aggressive driving might be underreported. Karasko stated information from the presentation will be distributed. Karasko asked how long TAC would like to analyze the data. Lundquist requested more than one month. Karasko stated this could be brought back as a Discussion Item in November.

ROUNDTABLE

Karasko announced the October TAC meeting will be canceled. Congressman Polis' Senior Legislative Assistant will be hosting a listening session on August 18 in Windsor. NFRMPO staff is currently working on an INFRA grant application for North I-25 Segments 5 & 6. Paul Lee has left APCD, and Karasko will work with APCD staff to identify a new TAC representative.

Martin stated she will be contacting TAC members for Land Use Model inputs, including current zoning and future land use data.

Kemp stated the Long View Trail is on track to go to bid this month, with construction beginning in October and the opening in June 2018. Fort Collins continues to prepare for the first CSU football game. The underpass at West Elizabeth Street and Shields Street will open later this week. Currently, Fort Collins has \$6M for grade-separated bike and pedestrian projects. The City is undertaking a prioritization study, including updating mapping.

Kealy stated the notice to Project Sponsors for TIP roll forwards was sent out the week of August 7 and are due by August 25.

Bailey reported the Taft Avenue bridge replacement has the road down to one lane in each direction. Garfield Avenue north of US34/Eisenhower Boulevard will close for 60 days in both directions for complete reconstruction of the road. A project to replace ADA ramps in downtown Loveland is delayed due to issues with the lowest bidder.

Lundquist stated her last day working with Weld County is August 24.

Furhman reported the Harmony Road project in Timnath is opening today.

Schneiders stated I-25 at Crossroads Boulevard northbound traffic will shift to the new bridge this week.

Averill stated Transfort had received additional CDOT funding to operate FLEX to Boulder.

Anderson stated the 65th Avenue project is continuing. The City is preparing for the new Prairie Heights Middle School opening this month. Riverside Park is under construction, and a ground-breaking ceremony will be held the weekend of August 18. Evans will hold Evans Heritage Day on September 16.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment - There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions - Karasko stated next month there will be a presentation on Urban Canvas Modeler, the Colorado Road Usage Charge Pilot Project and an action item for the September TIP Amendment. Averill suggested a presentation on the Bustang Outrider program.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.