Larimer County Mobility Committee Meeting

Meeting Location:
NFRMPO Offices
419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300
Fort Collins, CO 80525
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

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

4. Chair Updates
   Woodall

5. Action Items
   2017 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
   Gordon

6. Presentations
   5307 Funding
   Averill

7. Discussion Items
   Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Report
   Mason
   2018 Work Plan, Calendar
   Gordon

8. MC Program Updates
   Gordon

9. Committee Member Reports

10. Next Meeting (Dec 21) Agenda Items Recommendation

11. Adjournment
LCMC Members in Attendance:
David Averill, Transfort
Daniel Morali, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment
Toni Lueck, DARTAC
Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
Ruth Fletcher Carter, RAFT
Angela Woodall, Foothills Gateway
Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland
Jason Brabson, Heart&SOUL Paratransit

NFRMPO Staff: Alex Gordon

Call meeting at 1:30pm

1. **Review of Agenda**
   - Alex requested adding an action item to approve Jason Brabson as a member of the LCMC.

2. **Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items)

3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** (June) Katy, Ruth second.

4. **Action Items**
   - Ruth Fletcher-Carter motioned for Jason Brabson, Heart&SOUL Paratransit, to become a member of the Larimer County Mobility Committee. Connie Nelson-Cleverley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

5. **Chair Updates** (Angela)
   - Angela did not have any updates.

6. **Presentations**
   - David Averill, Transfort, provided background information on the FTA Section 5310 funding program, which is what funds the NFRMPO’s Mobility Coordination program. The program now includes Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funding, which prior to the FAST Act were separate programs. At least 55 percent of the funding should be spent on capital projects like buses or equipment, and the remaining 45 percent should be spent on mobility or operating programs. Fort Collins is the Direct Recipient in Larimer County. To reduce the number of subrecipients, Fort Collins exchanges Section 5310 funding with sales tax dollars to Loveland, Berthoud, and the NFRMPO. Local match is required for FTA funding – 80 percent federal, 20 percent local match for capital projects; 50 percent federal, 50 percent local match for operating. Ruth asked how funding is spent in the region. David responded it funds the Dial-a-Taxi program, and possibly a joint ADA Eligibility Center with Loveland in the future. Katy asked how mobility management is funded. David said sales tax money is
exchanged for the NFRMPO to provide mobility coordination. Ruth asked about progress on the Dial-a-Taxi program, and David responded it is drawing down funds quicker than it was last year. Jason asked why it took so long to draw down funds. David stated Loveland had reserved funding but not used it yet, and that they were overly conservative in the first year. Ruth asked if the ADA Eligibility Center will take away funding from Dial-a-Taxi. David said there is enough funding for both. Alex asked if the funding split happens at the local level, and David responded it does. Dial-a-Taxi is considered a capital expense. Katy asked how BATS and COLT fit in, and David said there was a good faith effort and agreement. David said all projects are listed in the agency’s Program of Projects (POP).

7. Discussion Items
   o 2017 Coordinated Plan – Alex provided a copy of Coordinated Plan Goals and Strategies. There was some discussion related to grammar and minor updates. Members will provide edits via email.
   o Senior Transportation Needs Report – Katy provided updates on the Senior Transportation Needs Report, which went to the Board of County Commissioners. There will be a group meeting to discuss recommendations and next steps.

The group discussed how individuals living in unincorporated Larimer County handle emergency preparedness. What is allowed? Additionally, the group stated the Senior Transportation Needs Report should acknowledge the needs of individuals with disabilities.

8. MC Program Updates
   o Alex did not add anything.

9. Council Member Reports
   o Daniel Morali stated they are beginning to work on the next grant cycle application for the Built Environment program.
   o Katy stated the Office on Aging provides transportation grants, including to Heart&SOUL.
     o Katie was happy to be at the meeting.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

11. Next Meeting: December 21 at NFRMPO Offices, 419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300, Fort Collins
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Executive Summary

The purpose of the 2017 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan is to identify transportation issues, service overlaps, and gaps for older adults and individuals with disabilities within the urbanized portions of Larimer and Weld counties as well as goals and strategies to address these identified issues. As a recipient of FTA §5310 funds, the NFRMPO updates the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan every four years. The need for improved transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities has been known and continues to be an issue in both large and small communities within the NFRMPO region. Current programs and strategies are not enough to meet this growing demand.

Throughout the Coordinated Plan development process, four key areas for improvement and coordination were identified: education; inclusion; improvements in transportation for the rural, suburban, and unincorporated communities; and improvements in transportation within Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland.

- **Goal #1: Inclusion**
  The Mobility Coordination Program will provide a safe, accessible forum for residents, advocates, and employees from human service organizations and agencies to discuss the needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income individuals. Additionally, these groups will have a safe space to air grievances and suggest potential solutions, including projects and areas to collaborate. The desired outcome of this inclusive program is to create tangible strategies that benefit stakeholders in the region, which can be achieved by expanding participation in the Mobility Committees.

- **Goal #2: Education**
  To have an educated and informed population is an overarching goal for the Mobility Coordination Program. This can be achieved in a variety of ways, but the distribution of information should be a major strategy for the Mobility Coordination Program. Education exists on two fronts: distribution of information about existing transit service and human services transportation, and regional training for transportation providers and future riders.

- **Goal #3: Improvements in Smaller and Rural Communities**
  The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination program should: maintain dialogue with stakeholders in these communities to understand current and future needs; research technology and funding opportunities to be used for improved transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities; support organizations currently filling this gap, including Senior Resource Services; and be engaged in local planning efforts.

- **Goal #4: Improvements in Larger and Urban Communities**
  The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program should: maintain relationships with transit providers and other stakeholders to identify need and support; provide technical support to communities interested in expansion of transit service; invite organizations and agencies to Mobility Committee meetings to ensure consistent outreach and feedback; work with local agencies and organizations to identify and apply for potential grants, funding opportunities, and partnerships; identify barriers to using existing services, including ADA accessibility, sidewalk connectivity, snow removal, etc.