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.  

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

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

4. Presentations  
   Loveland Paratransit                              Jodi Lessman

5. Discussion Items  
   Heart&SOUL Paratransit                           Brabson
   Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Report

6. MC Program Updates                               Gordon
   2045 Regional Transit Element

7. Committee Member Reports

8. Next Meeting (February 15) Agenda Items Recommendation

9. Adjournment
LCMC Members in Attendance:
Angela Woodall, Chair – Foothills Gateway
Ruth Fletcher-Carter, Vice-Chair – Berthoud RAFT
Annemarie Heinrich – Larimer County Dept. of Health, Built Environment Program
Andrew Minor – Larimer County Workforce Center
Connie Nelson-Cleverly – SAINT
Anna Russo – Transfort
Joanne VandeWalle – Elderhaus
Jason Brabson – Heart&SOUL Paratransit
Katy Mason – Larimer County Office on Aging
David Averill – Transfort
Cari Brown – Arc of Larimer County

NFRMPO Staff: Alex Gordon

Call meeting at 1:35pm

1. Review of Agenda
2. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
3. Approval of Meeting Notes (August) Katy, Annemarie second.
4. Chair Updates
   o Angela recapped the Legislative Forum held by Arc of Larimer County, Foothills Gateway, and SummitStone Health Partners on October 18, 2017. Angela stated there was good attendance, and everyone was appreciative of the legislators who came. Additionally, Angela forwarded a Disabled Parking survey link to the LCMC.
5. Action Items
   o Alex provided background to the 2017 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. Connie motioned to recommend NFRMPO Planning Council adoption of the 2017 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. Katy seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Presentations
   o David Averill, Transfort, provided background information on the FTA Section 5307 program. It is an urban area formula grant, and the Fort Collins-Loveland-Berthoud TMA received $4.1 Million in 2017. It is the most flexible funding source, because it can be used for operations, contracting, maintenance, and facilities. There are limits to the amount that can be spent on operating. For operating, the funding requires a 50 percent local match, while for capital, it only requires a 20 percent local match. The program is used to do preventive maintenance on older buses, Dial-a-Ride service, planning surveys and studies,
and MAX guideway maintenance. Katy asked about subrecipients, and David replied COLTS and BATS receive funding based on population and budget. Transfort uses a small administrative fee. Annemarie asked if this funding could be used for transit-oriented development or affordable housing. David replied there is not enough funding to do that in the region, but RTD in Denver uses it occasionally. The Fort Collins-adopted TOD Overlay zoning distract is meant to help encourage this kind of development. Katy asked about the FLEX service. David replied FLEX gets $350,000 each year, but there is no guarantee for funding for the service to Boulder. David announced he will be leaving Transfort and will be the new Executive Director for the RTA in San Miguel County.

7. Discussion Items

   o Senior Transportation Needs Report – Katy provided updates on the Senior Transportation Needs Report and the subcommittee that was formed. The small group is going through recommendations, including studying umbrella organizations like Liberty Mobility and ITNAmerica/ITN Country. The group has also talked to Susan Juergensmeier about the Mobility Management program at the NWCCOG. The goal is to fill in the gaps but not reproduce work already being done, meaning the program should support existing services. Joanne asked how refusing rides are funded. Cari stated the fees are set at the State level. Jason added taxis are paid at different rates. The way to fix some of these issues is to discuss the issues with representatives and to compile stories to make it more real. Ruth said rural connections can be difficult and expensive.

   o Work Plan – Alex asked what the LCMC would like to achieve in 2018 now that the Coordinated Plan will be adopted. Annemarie suggested being part of local and statewide transit planning efforts. Jason stated there are massive gaps in services and NEMT services, including with Veyo. There are missed rides and long wait times. They are trying to change how things are working by telling personal stories and issues. John Kefalis has been involved. Jason listed some issues with Veyo, including with the statewide contract. The LCMC decided it might be interested in a research project to help find possible solutions.

8. MC Program Updates

   o Alex recounted the Loveland City Council meeting, where the City Council approved changes to the COLT Paratransit program, approved a new contracted Transit Manager position, and approved purchase of land for a new Transit Center in North Loveland.

9. Council Member Reports

   o Angela stated she expected Medicaid rates to increase but they have not yet.
   o Annemarie stated the Built Environment program has set up a Community Engagement Group, which is currently doing a partner scan to be able to share information.
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- Cari recounted the Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday.
- Joanne stated she is working with Transfort to buy new buses for Elderhaus.
- Katy stated the Larimer County Office on Aging has produced a new resource guide, which she can hand out if needed.
- David reported the transit service during football games is going well. Transit carried roughly 25 percent of attendees to games. A lot of people are walking and taking Uber. Sunday service is also going well, with about 2,000 riders per Sunday.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.
11. Next Meeting: February 15 at NFRMPO Offices, 419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300, Fort Collins