February 2018

Larimer County Mobility Committee Meeting
Meeting Location:
NFRMPO Offices
419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300
Fort Collins, CO 80521
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8, 2018

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

4. Presentations
   Transfort Bus Stop ADA Upgrades      Melina Dempsey

5. Discussion Items
   NEMT Update                         Brabson

6. MC Program Updates
   2045 Regional Transit Element       Gordon

7. Committee Member Reports

8. Next Meeting (April 19) Agenda Items Recommendation

9. Adjournment
Larimer County Mobility Committee
Meeting Notes – December 19, 2017
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LCMC Members in Attendance:
Angela Woodall, Chair – Foothills Gateway
Anna Russo, Transfort
Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
Daniel Morali, Larimer County Department of Health, Built Environment Program
Cari Brown, Arc of Larimer County
Katy Mason, Larimer County Office on Aging
Toni Lueck, DARTAC
Terry Cruskey, Heart&SOUL Paratransit
Jason Brasbon, Heart&SOUL Paratransit
Jodi Lessman, City of Loveland
Jeff Bailey, City of Loveland

NFRMPO Staff: Alex Gordon

Call meeting at 1:35pm

1. Review of Agenda
2. Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)
3. Approval of Meeting Notes (October) Katy, Connie second.
4. Presentations
   o Loveland Paratransit – Jodi Lessman from the City of Loveland Public Works Department presented on changes to the COLT Paratransit program. Katy asked if seniors would still be eligible for the program. Jeff clarified they will be grandfathered in. Anna asked to clarify if Dial-a-Taxi would operate the same for Dial-a-Ride users. Jodi stated it would. Cari asked if the reduction in costs is due to the reduction in coverage or just outsourcing. Jodi said just the reduction. Jodi stated the process was started, with the item to go to Fort Collins City Council in January, and a potential start in March. The potential route on US34 would still have ¾-mile paratransit. Anna asked if the service area would expand, and Jodi said it would not. Jodi said the Dial-a-Ride contract is up in 2019 and that will be the new name for the paratransit program. Jeff stated the City has received approval of the IGA for a transit manager. Cari asked if the new routes cost more money and Jeff said they do because they require more buses and drivers. Anna asked if there would be a US287 route, but Jodi stated Loveland is looking at a US34 route. Jeff mentioned the new North Transit Center will be built at US287 and 37th Street.

5. Discussion Items
   o Heart&SOUL Paratransit – Jason presented about Heart&SOUL Paratransit. The organization provided more than 5,000 rides in its first year. There are currently
8 drivers and 6 vehicles. Anna asked how much rides cost, and Jason stated it is $10 to start and $2.50/mile. Angela asked about the sliding scale and Jason said they work with each person. Cari asked how people pay and Jason said it was through a mix of sources: private, contributions, businesses, etc.

- 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 will interview Ride Connections from Portland, OR.
- 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.

6. MC Program Updates
- Alex discussed the 2045 Regional Transit Element, which will look at transit plans for Northern Colorado out through 2045. A Steering Committee will meet to guide NFRMPO staff as they work on the plan.

7. Council Member Reports
- Anna – Kurt Ravenschlag and David Averill have left Transfort. The agency will start a national search to replace Kurt. Travel training is continuing. Sunday service is going well, but holiday service is not as robust. Transfort will operate additional hours for MAX on New Year’s Eve. Passenger survey for riders of the fixed route and Dial-a-Taxi program.
- Connie – SAINT continues to operate.
- Daniel – The technical program has slowed down. The group is engaged in the Community Health Improvement Plan and Fort Collins’ City Plan.
- Cari – The federal Tax Plan is expected to pass and Arc is monitoring it to know how it will impact transportation/Medicaid funding.

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.
9. Next Meeting: April 19 at NFRMPO Offices, 419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300, Fort Collins