



North Front Range
Metropolitan
Planning
Organization

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



To the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization communities and residents:

The [North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization \(NFRMPO\) staff](#); the [Technical Advisory Committee \(TAC\)](#), which consists primarily of engineers and planning staff from local member agencies; and the [Planning Council](#), which is comprised of elected officials from each of the NFRMPO members, had a very productive year. During 2018, the NFRMPO completed, with assistance from the TAC, input from the public and stakeholders, and guidance and approval of the Planning Council, the following to meet federal requirements:

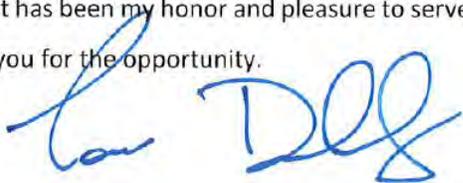
- Signed a Memorandum of Agreement with COLT, GET, Transfort, and CDOT regarding the Planning Process;
- Completed an audit with an unqualified opinion;
- Approved the FY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- Successfully underwent their quadrennial Certification Review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA);
- Prepared a BUILD Grant for North I-25 Segment 6 (SH402 to SH56);
- Adopted the federally required Performance Measures and Targets, per the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act;
- Approved the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets (GOPMT);
- Approved the 2045 Regional Transit Element (RTE);
- Over the course of the summer outreach events for various planning projects, the MPO staff interacted with nearly 1,400 individuals; and
- Worked cooperatively to ensure the funding for North I-25 Segments 7 & 8 (SH14 to SH402) was in place and the project could begin on schedule.

These accomplishments continue to keep the NFRMPO eligible to spend federal funding. These documents are explained more fully in this Annual Report and are available on the NFRMPO website at nfrmpo.org.

The VanGo™ Vanpool Program continued providing safe, reliable, and economical transportation for commuters along the North Front Range with 49 routes and over 250 participants, and 87 percent occupancy.

To support and foster regional cooperation, the local communities host the Planning Council meetings and dinners. These events benefit the communities as they are able to hear about and view the advancement and growth in other communities. The NFRMPO has also supported the following transportation coalitions – I-25, US34, and US85; which has led to increased cooperation and regionalism.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the NFRMPO Planning Council Chair during 2018 and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity.

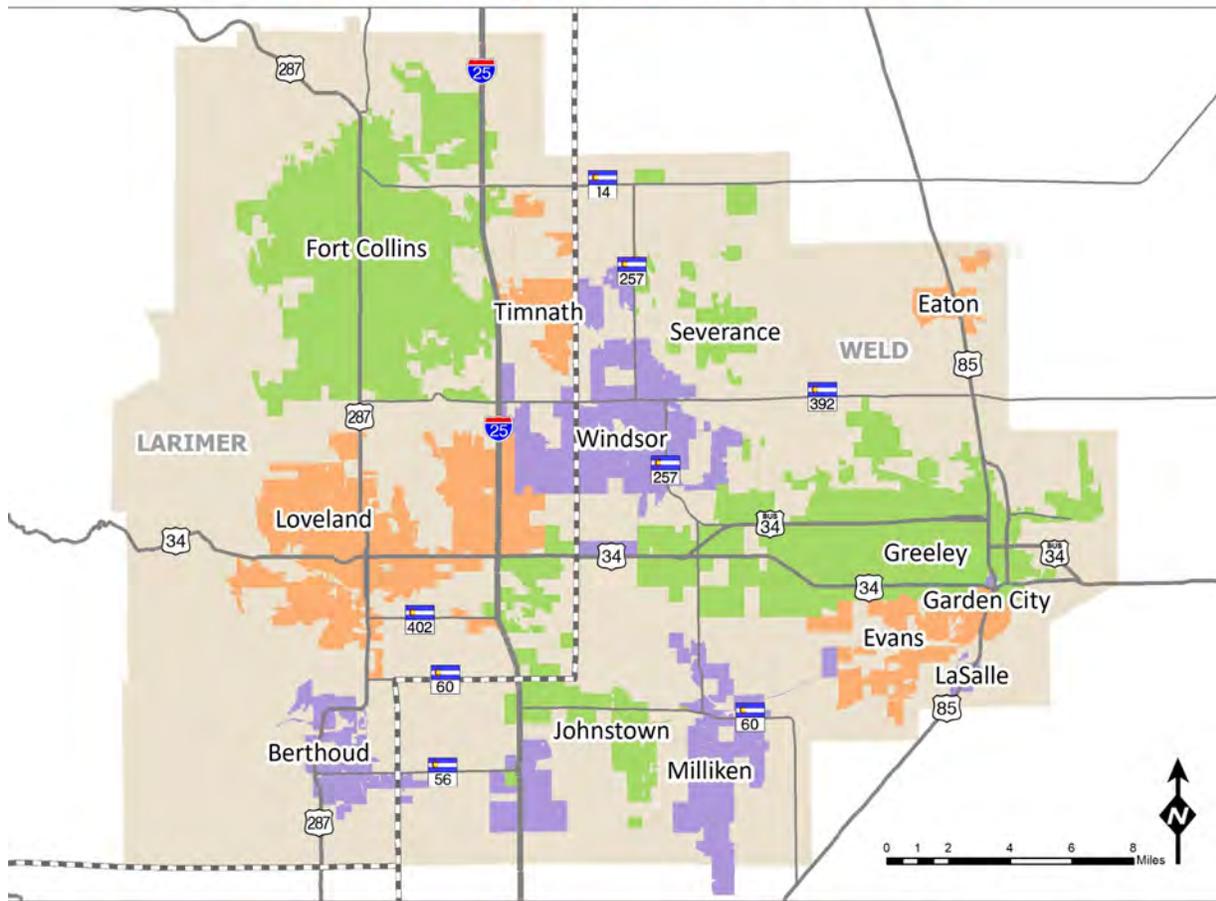


Commissioner Tom Donnelly,
2018 NFRMPO Planning Council Chair



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2018 Planning Council Chair

North Front Range MPO Planning Area



Legend

NFRMPO Boundary County Boundary

November, 2018
Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO



The NFRMPO's objective is to provide the information, tools, and opportunities for public input needed for improving the transportation system's performance in the North Front Range for the communities within the shaded boundary.

2018 NFRMPO Planning Council Members

Commissioner Tom Donnelly,
Larimer County – *Chair*

Mayor Kristie Melendez,
Town of Windsor – *Vice Chair*

Mayor Kevin Ross, Town of Eaton – *Past Chair*

Mayor William Karspeck, Town of Berthoud

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Clark, City of Evans

Town of Garden City

Mayor Pro Tem Gerry Horak, City of Fort Collins

Mayor Pro Tem Robb Casseday, City of Greeley

Councilmember Troy Mellon, Town of Johnstown

Trustee Paula Cochran, Town of LaSalle

Councilmember Dave Clark, City of Loveland

Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Austin, Town of Milliken

Mayor Donald McLeod, Town of Severance

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson, Town of Timnath

Commissioner Julie Cozad, Weld County

Rick Coffin, CDPHE-APCD

Kathy Gilliland, Transportation Commission

North Front Range at a Glance

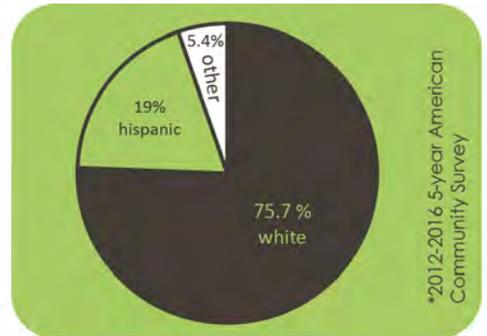
DEMOGRAPHICS

495,608
population

*2016 DOLA estimates

35.7

median age



*2012-2016 5-year American Community Survey

\$338,617



Median home sales price

*2018 Q1 - Q3, Zillow Data: Larimer and Weld counties

\$1,143

monthly average gross rent



*2017 1-year American Community Survey: Larimer and Weld counties

\$32,908

per capita income



*2017 1-year American Community Survey: Larimer and Weld counties

TRANSPORTATION



*CDOT; Transit Agencies; Member Communities

Commute to Work



77%
drive alone



10%
carpool



6%
work at home



3%
bike



3%
walk



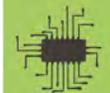
1%
take public transit

*2012-2016 5-year American Community Survey

Top International Exports



\$1.2B
Food Manufacturing



\$550M
Computer Electronics

*2017 International Trade Association: Fort Collins-Loveland and Greeley MSA

Top Agricultural Sales



\$1B
Cattle and Calves



\$350M
Milk from Cows

*2012 Census of Agriculture: Larimer and Weld counties

INDUSTRY



University of Colorado Health

7,890 employees
Larimer County



Colorado State University

7,491 employees
Larimer County



JBS Swift & Company

4,590 employees
Weld County

*Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation; Colorado State University

Largest Employers

Transportation Planning Accomplishments

In 2018, the Transportation Planning Team at the NFRMPO saw the completion of many major planning products, including the *2045 Regional Transit Element (RTE)* and the *FY2019-FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. Additionally, the region continued to work towards the vision set in the *2016 Non-Motorized Plan*.

Northern Colorado Awarded Additional \$20M for I-25



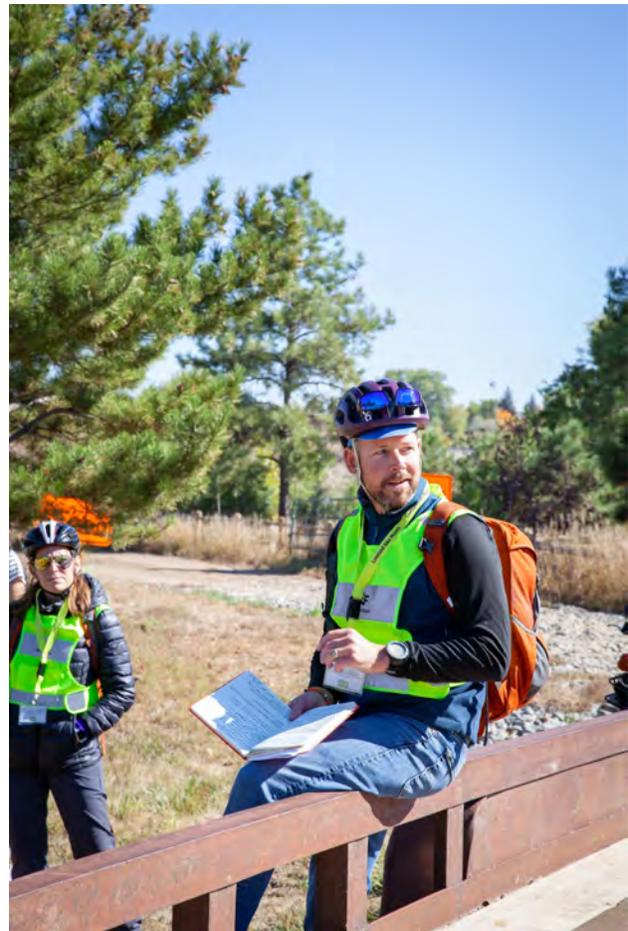
Image Credit: Denver Post

In July 2018, the NFRMPO submitted an application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary grant program to improve North I-25 Segment 6 (SH402 to SH56). An application for \$25M for the \$250M North Interstate 25 Phase 2 project was submitted.

On December 6, 2018, it was announced that the North Interstate 25 Phase 2 project had been awarded a \$20M BUILD Grant. Combined with state and local funding, this grant will be used to reconstruct and expand three interchanges; replace 12 bridges; provide adequate bridge clearance for non-motorized trail and wildlife passage; fully reconstruct the interstate along a 5.5-mile segment of the corridor; increase capacity (third lane) by adding an managed express lane between SH56 and SH402 (same 5.5-mile segment); provide much needed travel time reliability on this congested corridor; and straighten out a substandard reverse curve in the Interstate.

The BUILD program provides federal grants for road, rail, transit, and port infrastructure projects. The State of Colorado received three BUILD Grant awards, a total of \$47M, in this round. Nationally, 91 projects in 49 states and the District of Columbia were awarded a total of \$1.5B in BUILD Grant funds.

Northern Colorado's Leaders Come Together to Discuss Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure and Programming



From top to bottom, left to right: Larimer County Commissioner - elect John Kefalas and 39 other leaders from across Northern Colorado met at Front Range Community College to discuss the rules of the road and perform bicycle safety checks before starting on the ride. Four groups traversed 11 miles across the newly-constructed Long View Trail and a portion of Fort Collins' and Loveland's on-street bicycle and pedestrian network. Groups paused for a break at various stations to discuss the costs and benefits of trail construction, measuring usership through counter systems, the importance of interagency collaboration, and more. Not shown, participants concluded the ride at Mehaffey Park, where riders were able to debrief and unwind.

2045 Regional Transit Element

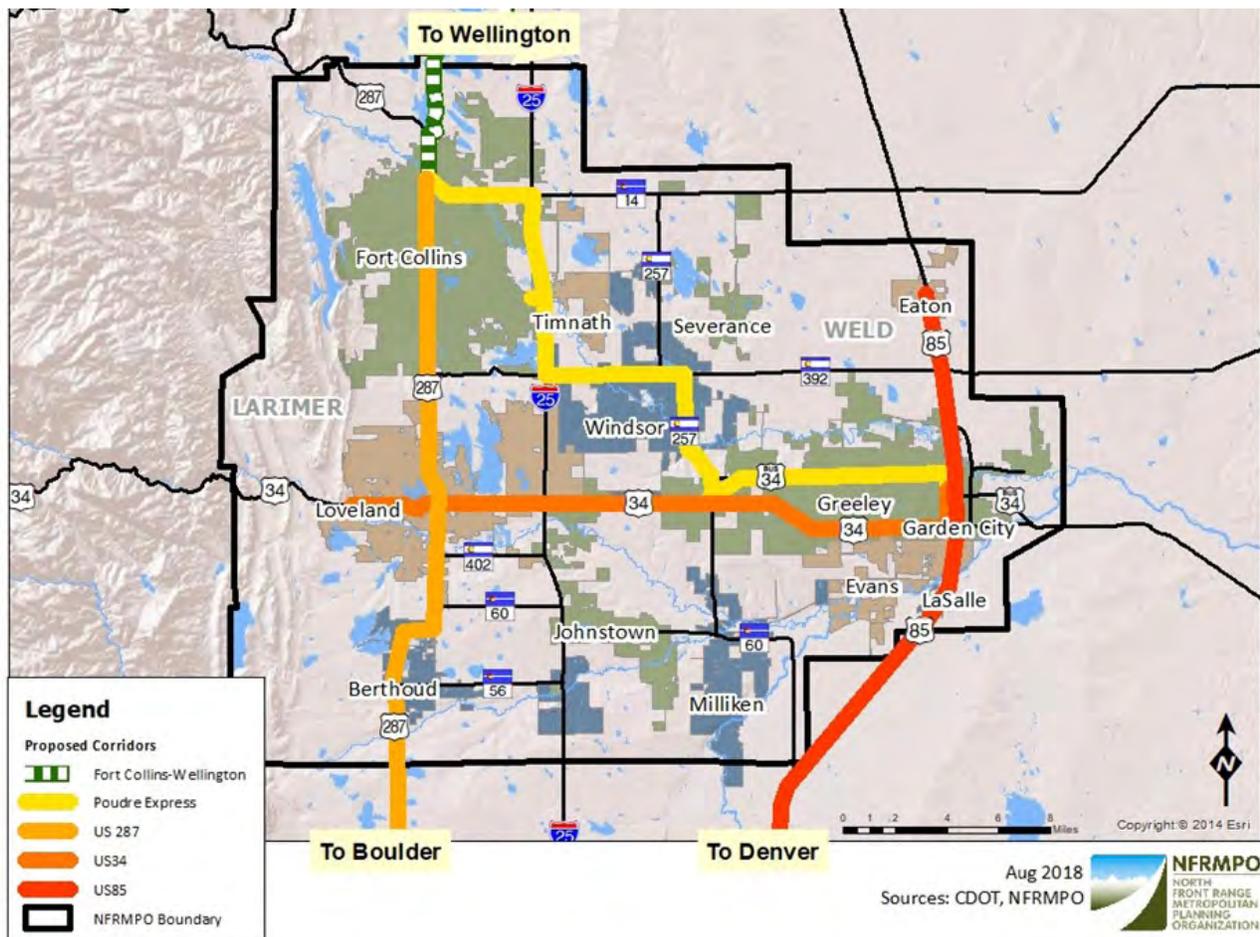
The 2045 RTE developed seven recommendations to guide transit investment over the next 20 years:

1. Continue and expand regional cooperation;
2. Consolidate planning efforts;
3. Invest equitably;
4. Maintain and implement CDOT's Transit Development Program;
5. Consider and develop transit technology;
6. Educate the public on existing and planned transit routes and programs; and
7. Focus on achieving targets for federally-required performance measures.

The 2045 RTE was adopted on November 1, 2018 by the Planning Council. A copy can be downloaded at <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2045-regional-transit-element.pdf>.



*Participants of the 2045 RTE Steering Committee identifying important regional routes to be evaluated in the Plan.
Photo Credit: NFRMPO Staff*



In addition to the seven recommendations above, the 2045 RTE recommends prioritizing investment in the five regional transit corridors shown in the map above. Image Credit: NFRMPO Staff

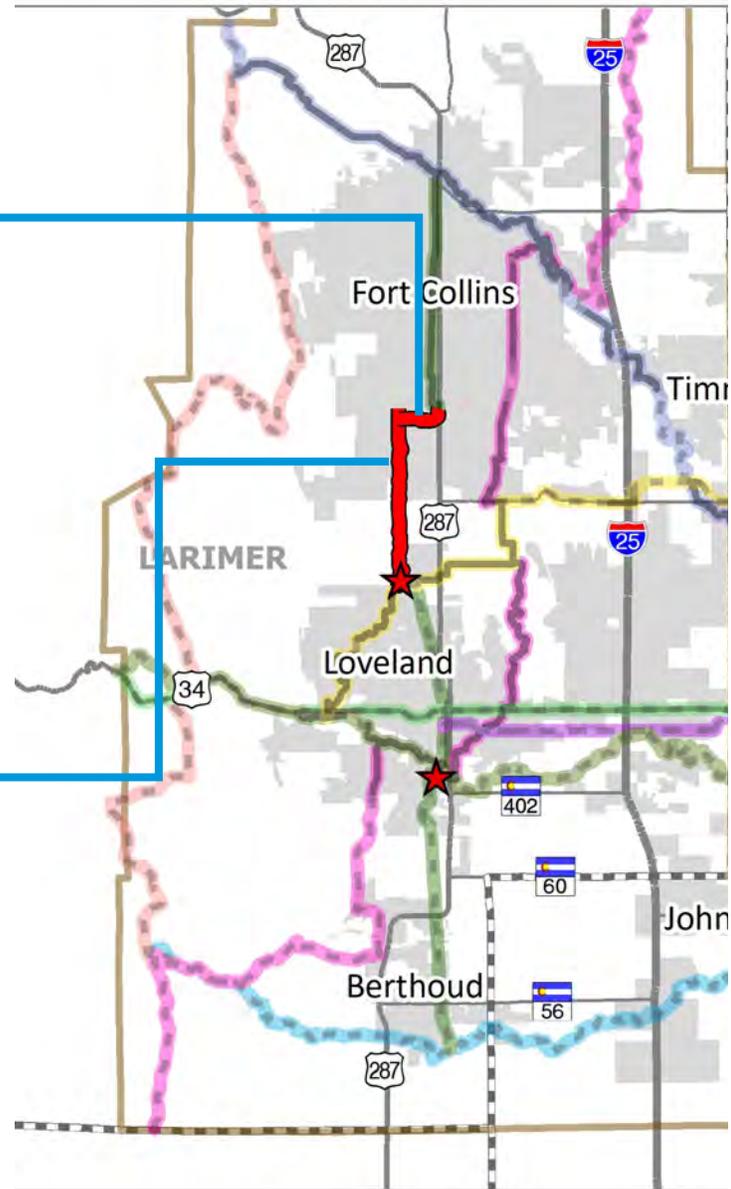
Regional Non-

Fossil Creek Trail

On December 10, 2018, the City of Fort Collins held a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration for a 1.2-mile section of the Fossil Creek Trail, connecting the Long View Trail to the existing eastern portion of the Fossil Creek Trail and Mason Trail via a tunnel under the BNSF Railroad track. The trail segment features two bridges over Fossil Creek and a \$4M tunnel under the BNSF Railroad track providing a safe non-motorized connection between east and west Fort Collins.

Long View Trail

The 4.4-mile Long View Trail provides another safe, non-motorized connection between Loveland, Larimer County, and Fort Collins. The paved trail extends from Sunset Vista Natural Area in Loveland to Fossil Creek Drive in Fort Collins along Taft Avenue / Shields Street, traversing three Natural Areas and Open Space. Project partners held a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration on August 18, 2018.



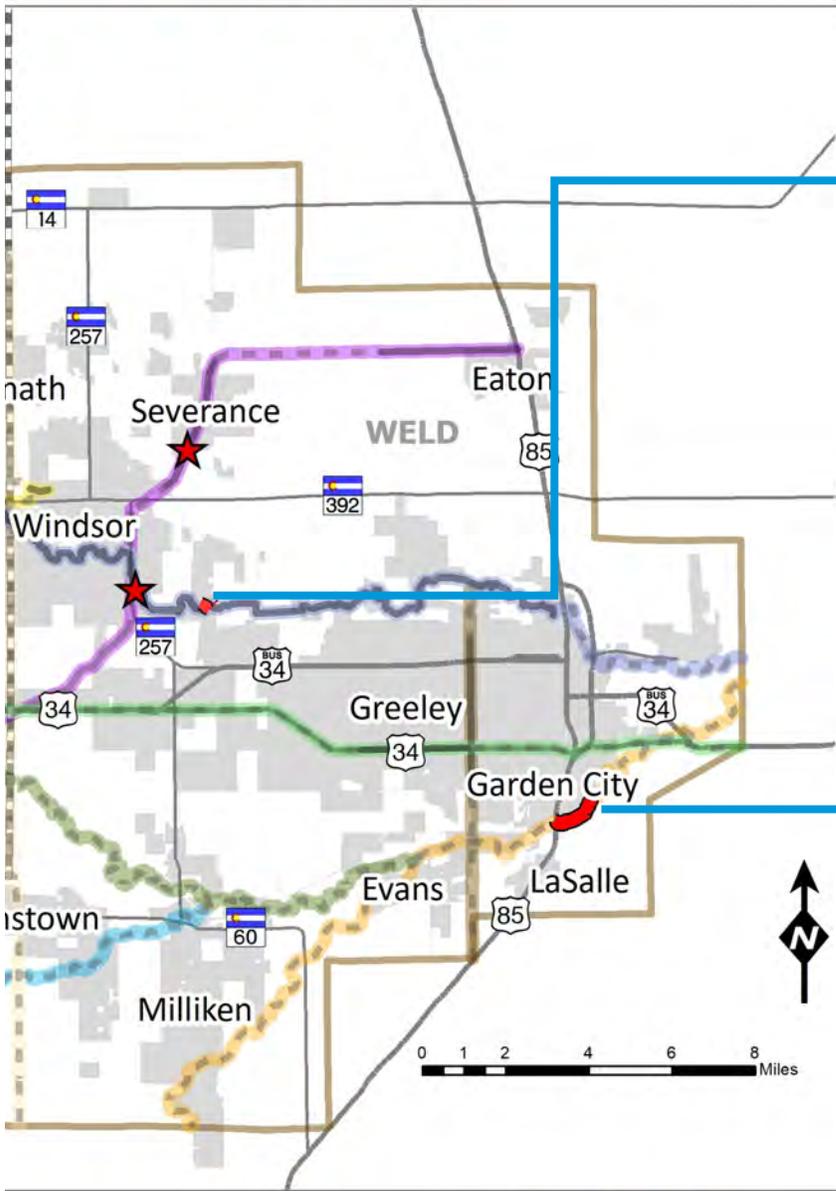
Legend

- ★ RNMC Counters Installed in 2018
- RNMC Segments Completed in 2018
- Existing Regional Trail
- - - Future Regional Trail
- 🗺️ NFRMPO Boundary
- 🗺️ County Boundary

Non-Motorized Trail Updates

Several trail construction projects across the NFRMPO's Regional Non-Motorized Corridors (RNMCs) kept local planning partners busy throughout 2018, adding over seven miles of new or reconstructed trails to the regional system. The RNMCs also gained four new permanent bicycle and pedestrian counters in 2018. These counters are permanently installed along the trails and count all trail users, providing planning partners with critical data on trail use. These new counters joined 19 counters already counting trail users across the region.

Motorized Corridors (RNBCs)



Poudre Trail

Erosion of the Poudre River banks near the Kodak trailhead in Windsor following the 2013 flood led to the washout of a short segment of the Poudre River Trail. The Trail was temporarily realigned to accommodate 200+ users per day. The permanent Trail alignment was officially reopened in November 2018.

Riverside Park

After sustaining substantial damage in the 2013 flood on the South Platte River, Riverside Park in Evans was closed to the public. In 2015 the City of Evans completed the *Riverside Park Master Plan* to retain most of the Park's amenities while improving its resilience to flooding. The 1.5-mile section was reconstructed and welcomed its first users in more than five years at the Riverside Park grand opening event on October 27, 2018.

November 2018

Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO



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| 1: South Platte/American Discovery Trail | 7: Front Range Trail (West) |
| 2: Little Thompson River | 8: BNSF Fort Collins/Berthoud |
| 3: Big Thompson River | 9: Johnstown/Timnath |
| 4: Great Western/Johnstown/Loveland | 10: Greeley/LaSalle |
| 5: North Loveland/Windsor | 11: US 34 Non-motorized |
| 6: Poudre River Trail | 12: Carter Lake/Horsetooth Foothills |

2018 Summer Outreach By the Numbers

No. Interactions at Community Events

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Fort Collins Earth Day | 125 |
| Johnstown BBQ Day | 102 |
| Berthoud Day | 61 |
| Open Streets (Fort Collins) | 81 |
| Eaton Days | 55 |
| LaSalle Days | 62 |
| Beef N' Bean Day | 58 |
| Severance Days | 71 |
| Loveland Corn Roast Festival | 332 |
| Windsor Harvest Festival | 158 |
| Heritage Day (Evans) | 101 |
| Taste of Timnath | 54 |
| Total | 1260 |

Survey Responses

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| RTE (English) - 500 |
| RTE (Spanish) - 24 |
| General Outreach - 120 |



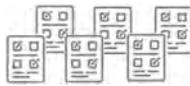
Attended **12** Community Events



Hosted **4** Bike to Work Day stations



Attended **13** meetings for the 2045 RTE



Received over **600** survey responses



Interacted with nearly **1,400** people

Newsletter

During 2018, staff published four quarterly newsletters to provide updates on regional transportation and air quality and to highlight Planning Council and community profiles, and local transportation initiatives. To subscribe to *On the Move*, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/newsletter/>.

Federal Certification

In 2018, the NFRMPO and its planning partners underwent the quadrennial federal transportation planning certification review, conducted by FHWA and FTA. On June 14, 2018 the NFRMPO was recertified as the MPO for the North Front Range region, effective until June 14, 2022. The NFRMPO received two commendations and 13 recommendations. No corrective actions were issued. Read the full report: <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-NFRMPO-Cert-Report-Final-Report-Oct-2018.pdf>

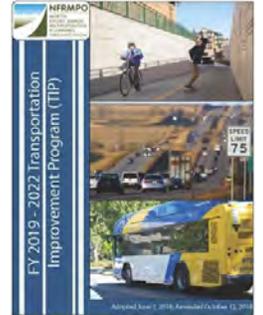
NFRMPO Rebranded!

Towards the end of 2018, the NFRMPO overhauled their look and rebranded for a fresh, new look. Highlights of the rebrand include a new logo and an upgraded website. Check out the upgraded website at <https://nfrmpo.org/>. In addition to rebranding, the NFRMPO enhanced social media efforts in an attempt to reach a broader cross-section of the region's communities. To stay up to date, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using @nfrmpo.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adopted for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2022!

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) lists regionally significant and federally funded roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure projects and activities to be carried out in a four-year time period within the NFRMPO region. The TIP reflects NFRMPO members' transportation priorities and provides a centralized listing of projects to be implemented by a variety of project sponsors across the region. In the past, the TIP was updated every two years. In 2018, the NFRMPO converted to an annual TIP adoption cycle to better align with CDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2022 TIP carries forward the policies from the FY2018-2021 TIP along with all transportation projects with funding in FY2019-2021 in the NFRMPO region. The NFRMPO Planning Council adopted the FY2019-2022 TIP on June 7, 2018. On October 12, 2018 the TIP was amended to include the Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets. The TIP may be viewed online at <https://nfrmpo.org/tip/>.



Mobility Accomplishments

By working with non-profits, government agencies, transit agencies, and the public, the Mobility Coordination program aims to advance autonomy and independence for these vulnerable populations. Below are just a few of the Mobility Program accomplishments for 2018.



More than **500 Rider's Guides** were distributed in 2018 through partner agencies, outreach events, and by request. Rider's Guides provide information about fixed-ride, demand response, paratransit, and commercial operators in the region.



Over **600 people used "Find my Ride"** in 2018. The Online Rider's Guide, available at <https://noco.findmyride.info> allows users to provide information such as age, location, and purpose of the appointment to determine which transportation providers may fit their needs.



In 2018, the Senior Transportation Coalition (STC) **sponsored one Senior Travel Training**, in partnership with Bustang, to teach seniors how to access and board the bus, pay their fare, and identify destinations reachable by transit. See the following page for more information. The Senior Transportation Coalition (STC) is the Mobility and Access Priority Group of the Larimer County Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities.



The Larimer County Senior Transportation Work Group, formed following the July 2017 adoption of the *Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Assessment*, applied for and was **awarded two grants in 2018**. Both grants help fund activities to implement a *One Call/One Click Center* on behalf of the County.

Bustang Senior Travel Training

From top to bottom: Community partners came together for a day-long Regional Bustang Travel Training event on October 4, 2018. The Regional Bustang Travel Training had 39 participants from Larimer County. The day started with local travel trainers from Transfort, COLT, and BATS training participants on their respective systems and making the connection to the Bustang pick-up location at the Harmony Transfer Center and the US34 Park-n-Ride. Travel trainers provided information on paying fares, reading schedules, how to make a transfer, and hours of operation, among other topics.

The Regional Bustang Travel Training Guide is available at: <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-bustang-travel-training-guide.pdf>

The Regional Bustang Travel Training Report is available at <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-bustang-travel-training-report.pdf>.

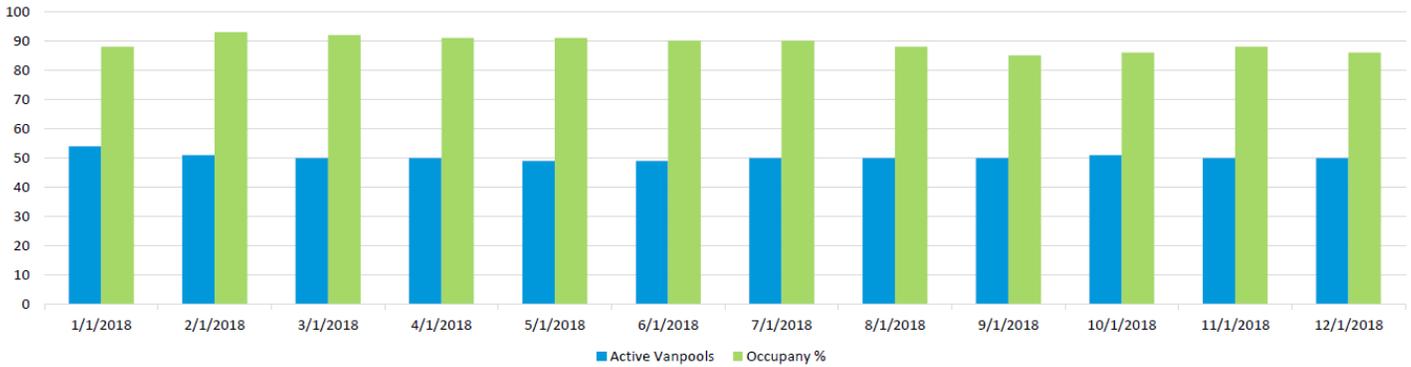


Photo Credit: Rocky Mountain Student Media

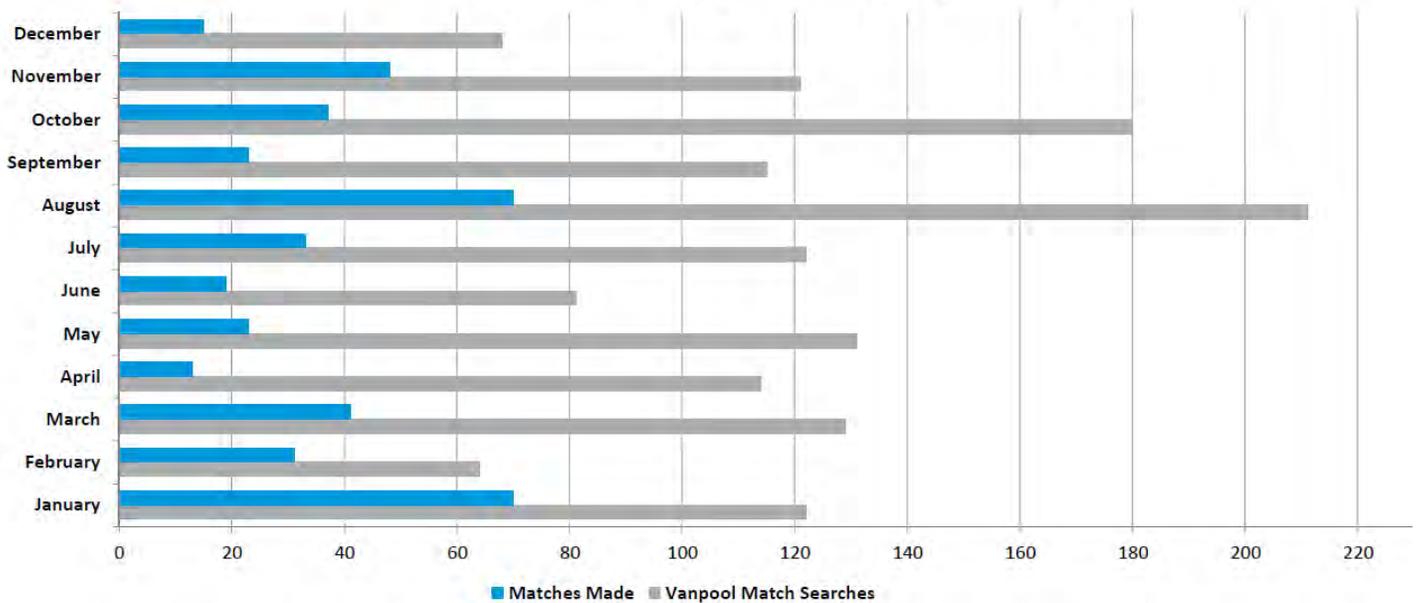
VanGo™ Accomplishments

The VanGo™ program was started in 1994 with nine vans in daily operation being used by 45+ individuals. Jump ahead a couple of decades and you find the program is strong at 50 routes with over 250 committed participants—running at an 87 percent occupancy rate! This equates to nearly maximum efficiency in the program and less single occupancy vehicles on the road reducing congestion and emissions. Plus, more than 250 less stressed commuters. By vanpooling, 168+ tons of carbon monoxide were kept out of the Colorado air for year 2018.

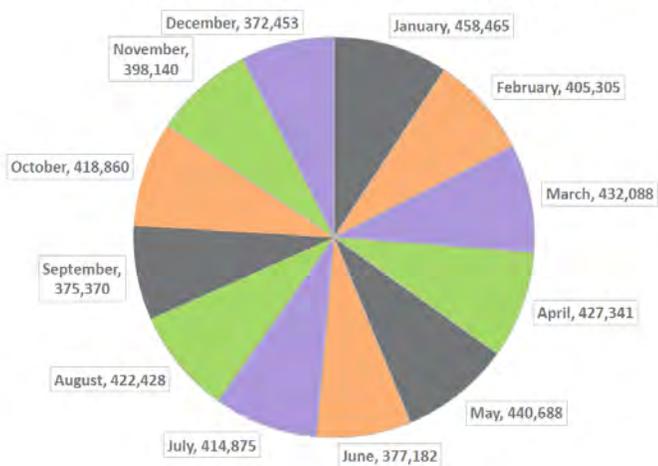
Active Vanpools & Occupancy Rate



Match Search Tracking www.vangovanpools.org



Miles Saved- Year to Date: 4,570,742



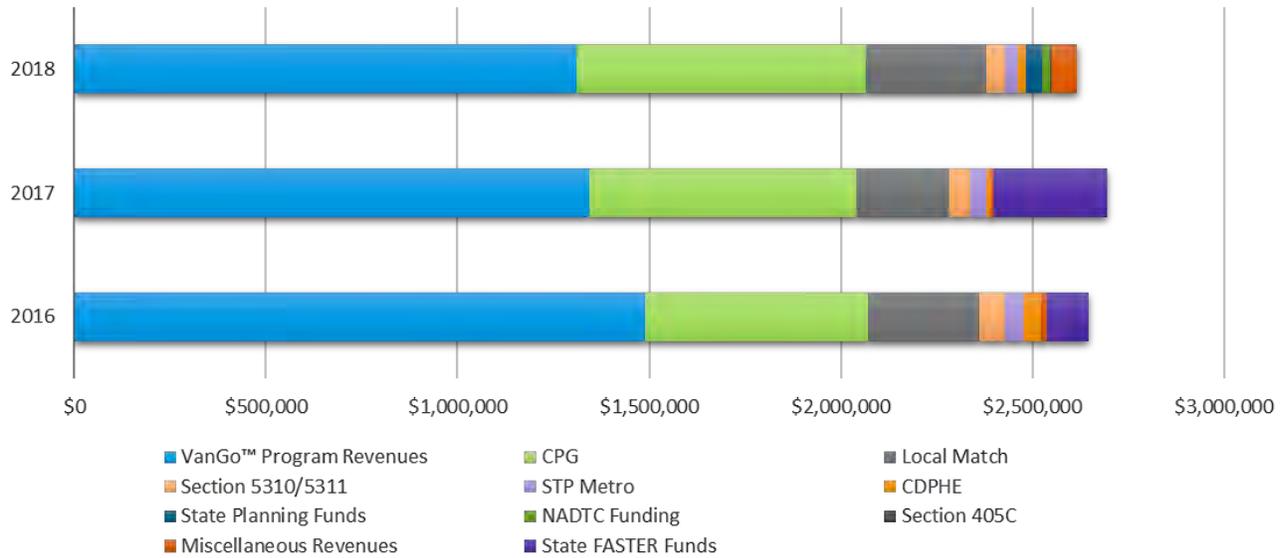
Revenue/Expenses Year-To Date



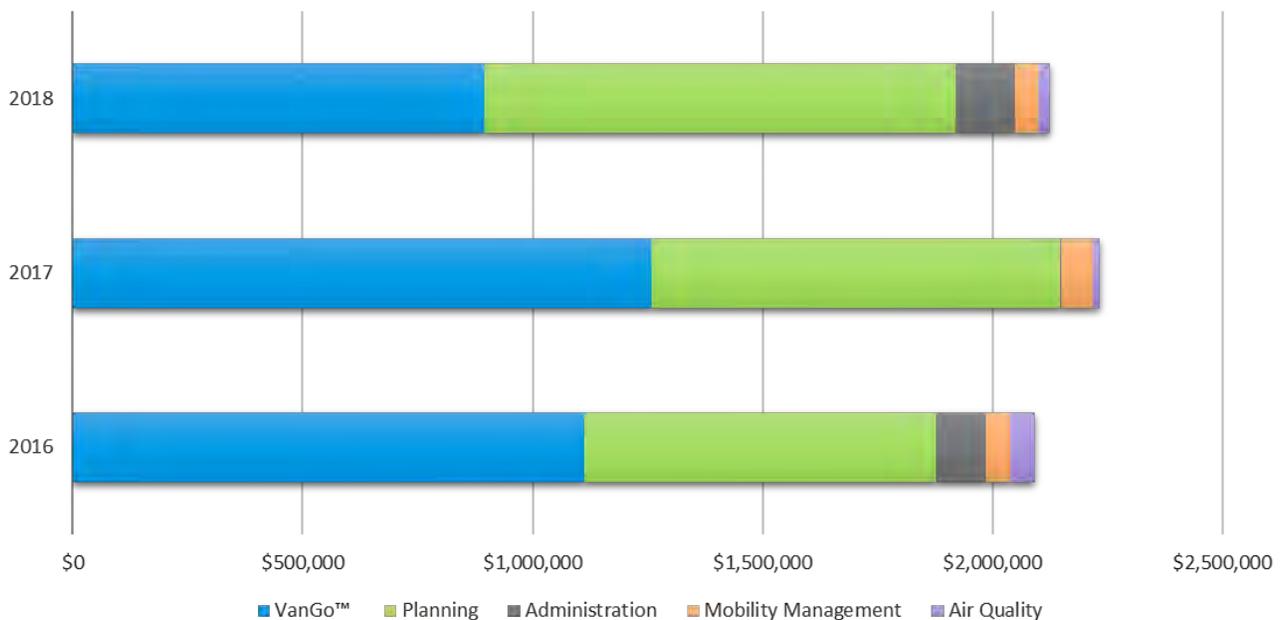
Finance and Administration

2018 marked another unqualified opinion issued by the NFRMPO's auditors, EideBailly, on the organization's 2017 Audited Financial Statements. The 2017 Audited Financial Statements are available for download under the *Administrative Documents* drop down menu in the NFRMPO *Document Library* landing page: <https://nfrmpo.org/library/>.

Funding Sources 2016-2018



Expenditures 2016-2018



Planning Council Meetings

Member governments promote regional cooperation while working on many tasks at the monthly Planning Council meetings. Every community is given the opportunity to host a monthly meeting. The NFRMPO and its members benefit greatly when a local government invites them to their community. Find a list of the 2018 and 2019 NFRMPO Planning Council meeting dates and locations below.

2018 Planning Council Meeting Dates and Locations

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|
| JAN 4 th | Town of Berthoud | *JAN 25 th | Larimer County |
| FEB 1 st | Weld County | MAR 1 st | Town of Timnath |
| *MAR 15 th | Weld County | APR 5 th | City of Greeley |
| MAY 3 rd | Town of Milliken | *MAY 29 th | NFRMPO Office |
| JUNE 7 th | Town of Windsor | JULY 5 th | Town of Severance |
| AUG 2 nd | Town of Loveland | SEPT 6 th | Town of LaSalle |
| OCT 4 th | City of Evans | NOV 1 st | City of Fort Collins |
| DEC 6 th | Larimer County | | *Special Meetings called by Chair Donnelly |

2019 Planning Council Meeting Dates and Locations

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| JAN 3 rd | Town of Berthoud | FEB 7 th | Town of Eaton |
| MAR 7 th | Larimer County | APR 4 th | City of Greeley |
| MAY 2 nd | City of Evans | JUNE 6 th | Town of Johnstown |
| JULY 11 th | Weld County | AUG 1 st | Town of Milliken |
| SEPT 6 th | Town of Severance | OCT 3 rd | City of Loveland |
| NOV 7 th | City of Fort Collins | DEC 6 th | Town of Windsor |

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The goal of the NFRMPO is to enhance mobility and air quality within Northern Colorado by developing cooperative, working relationships and financial partnerships among member governments, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and other public agencies, as well as the private sector.



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