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Mobility Coordination

Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Report Update

In July 2017, Larimer County approved the *Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Assessment* (*Needs Assessment*), which addressed senior mobility in the unincorporated portions of the County. The *Needs Assessment* was made up of multiple components: public outreach through a statistically-valid survey mailed to older adults residing in unincorporated Larimer County and four focus groups held throughout the County; an inventory of existing services, including transit, paratransit, taxis, and volunteer transportation; and recommended strategies to help address senior transportation gaps in unincorporated Larimer County.

After the approval of the *Needs Assessment*, a Work Group formed to begin crafting a senior transportation program based on the recommended strategies. The Work Group consisted of staff from Larimer County, Rural Alternatives for Transportation (RAFT), the NFRMPO, and the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC) in Larimer County. Through interviews with staff from non-profits, governmental agencies, and consultants around the country, the Work Group realized they needed assistance to implement the program.

To create a viable program, the Work Group is applying for grant funding to create an *Implementation Plan*. If funded, the *Implementation Plan* will create a business and financial plan synthesizing the recommendations of the *Needs Assessment*, the advice and lessons learned from the Work Group interviews, and potential demonstration projects to prove project readiness.

2045 RTE Survey Released

NFRMPO staff is beginning to work on the 2045 Regional Transit Element (2045 RTE). As the long range transit component of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (2045 RTP), the plan outlines goals and identifies strategies to continue enhancing our region's transit network in the next two decades. The RTE is updated every four years in conjunction with our Regional Transportation Plan.

Data for the 2045 RTE is collected both subjectively and objectively. Objective data, like current routes, fare and financial information, and demographics is collected and used to show a datadriven existing condition. The subjective data is collected through the NFRMPO's public outreach process. Together, the NFRMPO can synthesize how people interact with the transit network with what the data shows.

Public outreach for the 2045 RTE is being collected in a variety of ways. Through 5 p.m. on April 30, residents of Larimer and Weld counties are asked to fill out a survey in English: <u>bit.ly/2tRAF3y</u> or Spanish: <u>bit.ly/2luZg1s</u>. Responses received from this survey will help NFRMPO and the 2045 RTE Steering Committee prioritize corridors and investments.

Rider's Guide Updates

More than 160 users have logged onto the online service to find potential service matches since January 1, 2018, with 95 percent of users being new. To request printed Rider's Guides, contact Alex Gordon at <u>agordon@nfrmpo.org</u> or (970) 416-2023.

Larimer County Mobility Committee Third Thursday every other month 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.



Weld County Mobility Committee Fourth Tuesday every other month 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Mobility Coordination Goal Make sure people who need transportation have access to the service they need for self sufficiency and to live independently.

Mobility Management Funding

The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program is funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5310 funds.

NFRMPO mobility coordination program activities are centered on education and cooperative resource-sharing to use existing transportation dollars most efficiently. Examples

include travel training, cooperative research, public forums, program implementation, FTA grant administration and public education.

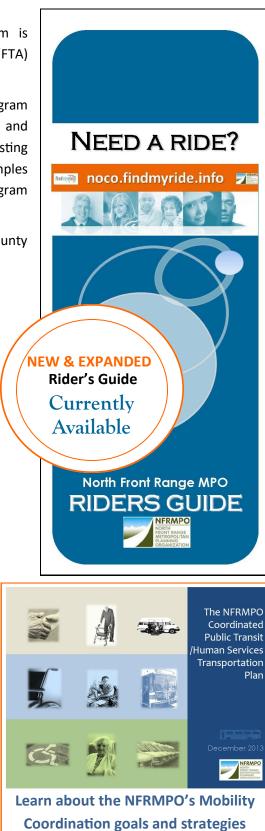
Funding has been secured for §5310 funds from both CDOT for Weld County and Fort Collins on behalf of the Fort Collins-Loveland-Berthoud TMA.

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