

NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL

REVISED MEETING AGENDA

January 3, 2019 **Berthoud Town Hall** 807 Mountain Ave. Berthoud, CO

Council Dinner 5:30 p.m.

MPO Council Meeting - 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance 2-Minute Public Comment (accepted on items not on the Agenda) Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to items on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the regular agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to all other items prior to Council action being taken.

- 1. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes-Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO-December 1,2018 (Pg.8)

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Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda COUNCIL REPORTS:		Estimated Time
 Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) 	Mike Silverstein	15 min
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda		Estimated Time
REPORTS:		
5. Report of the Chair	Kristie Melendez	15 min
 STAC and Committee Assignments 		
6. Executive Director Report	Suzette Mallette	5 min
7. Finance Committee (Pg.13)	(Written Report)	5 min
8. TAC (Pg.15)	(Written Report)	
9. HR Committee	(Mysitten Denemt)	
10. Mobility (Pg.16)	(Written Report)	
CONSENT ITEM:	Control III and III an	F
11. 2018 Reserve Exemption (Pg. 19)	Crystal Hedberg	5 min
ACTION ITEM:		
12. December 2018 TIP Amendments (Pg.20)	Medora Kealy	5 min
13. I-25 Crossroads Reallocation (Pg.26)	J Olson Letter	5 min
DISCUSSION ITEMS:		
14. 2015-2019 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance (Pg.27)	Medora Kealy	5 min
15. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Strategies (Pg.29)	Sarah Martin	10 min
COUNCIL REPORTS:		5 min
Transportation Commission		J 111111
I-25 Update	(Written Report)	
Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)	(Written Report)	
Host Council Member Report	Will Karspeck	

MEETING WRAP UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S.§24-6-402(4)(f), regarding the annual evaluation of the Executive Director and possible amendment to the Executive Director's employment contract and not involving: any specific employee who has requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION:

16. Executive Director Contract Kristie Melendez 5 min 17. Executive Director Goals Kristie Melendez 5 min

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

February 7, 2019 Town of Eaton

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CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division Rick Coffin, Planner

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Alternate- Johnny Olson, Region 4

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Reference: MPO Planning Council

January 3, 2019 Public Comment

Subject: Skin Versus Steal II

A. Negligence lawsuits from personal injury due to politicians and a bureaucrat's compliance failure to the Law.

- Automatic no win for the government
- Physically easy to prove failure
- Authority irresponsibility application ignorance of the law
- Breach of taxpayer trust dollars and safety
- Lack of quality assurance program

B. Negligence threat zone

- Standards are a negligence threat zone
- Council members are top level risk managers
- Negligence avoidance is a valid management strategy
 - Compliance failure cost
 - Negligence is the "defective parts cost" of government

C. Quality Assurance Government

- Eliminate negligence
- Assure compliance authorly
- Matrix management by job description
- Veto warranty
- Performance dismissal for cause
- Contractor performance excellence provisions

D. Action Plan

- Discussion. Scope. Goals. Targets. Responsibility.

Thank you

Joseph Flanigan Larimer County Resident

NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA

December 19, 2018

Public Comment - Joseph Flanigan, Larimer County Resident

Agenda

- Who is the authority to claim project is ADA (DOJ), DOT, DOH compliant?
- Government agency that claim compliance or fail to be compliant will have negligence lawsuits.
 - Automatic no win for the government
 - Validate the authority making the claim
 - Design
 - Construction
 - Inspection
 - Design reviews for architecture compliance
- How to validate authority
 - Problem industry wide
 - Education
- The power of the authority
 - absolute veto
 - but, but the budget change design
- Funding
 - Grants
 - Tax projects
- Education
 - What is certification
 - State
 - CSU
- Challenge
 - 170 pages Guidance on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

Federal ADA and Disability Resources

AGENCIES WITH ADA RESPONSIBILITIES

Employment: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [1]

Transportation: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration [2]

Telephone Relay Service: Federal Communications Commission^[3]

ADA Guidelines: U. S. Access Board [4]

Education: U.S. Department of Education [5]

Health Care: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [6]

Labor: U.S. Department of Labor [7]

Housing: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [8]

Parks and Recreation: U.S. Department of the Interior [9]

Agriculture: U.S. Department of Agriculture^[10]

OTHER FEDERAL ADA AND DISABILITY RESOURCES

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Office of Disability Integration & Coordination^[11]

Official Federal Web Portal with Access to Information and Services: usa.gov^[12]

Employment

Job Accommodation Network: askjan.org^[13]

Federal Employment of People with Disabilities: opm.gov/disability [14]

Department of Labor: Office of Disability Employment Policy [15]

Local and Regional Information and Technical Assistance on the ADA

ADA National Network: adata.org^[16]

Business

Small Business Administration: sba.gov^[17]

Small Business Administration (Disabilities): sba.gov/content/people-with-disabilities^[18]

SBA Office of the National Ombudsman: sba.gov/ombudsman^[19]

Wounded Warriors

U.S. Department of Justice: servicemembers.gov^[20]

Federal Portal for Wounded Warriors: National Resource Directory. Gov [21]

Warrior Care Blog: warriorcare.dodlive.mil [22]

Victims of Crime

U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime: https://ojp.gov/ovc/[23]

Links

- 1. http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability.cfm
- 2. http://www.fta.dot.gov/ada
- 3. https://www.fcc.gov/general/telecommunications-relay-services-trs
- 4. http://www.access-board.gov/
- 5. http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html
- 6. http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/index.html
- 7. http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/crc
- 8. http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program offices/fair housing equal opp/
- 9. https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/Public-Civil-Rights
- 10. https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/informational/aboutfsis/civil-rights
- 11. http://www.fema.gov/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-1
- 12. http://www.usa.gov/
- 13. javascript:exitWinOpen('http://askjan.org');
- 14. https://www.opm.gov/disability/
- 15. https://www.dol.gov/odep/about/
- 16. javascript:exitWinOpen('http://www.adata.org');
- 17. http://www.sba.gov/

- 18. http://www.sba.gov/content/people-with-disabilities
- 19. https://www.sba.gov/ombudsman
- 20. https://www.justice.gov/crt/spec_topics/military/
- 21. https://www.nrd.gov/
- 22. http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/
- 23. https://ojp.gov/ovc/

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Regional Air Quality Council

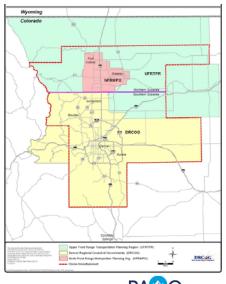
RAQC is the lead planning agency for the Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone Nonattainment Area

 NFRT&AQPC is the LPA for Ft. Collins & Greeley (carbon monoxide)

Governor appoints the RAQC Board

Primary responsibilities:

- Planning to meet air quality standards
- Conduct public education and awareness programs
- Implement public/private projects to reduce emissions
- Represent and assist local governments in the air quality planning process

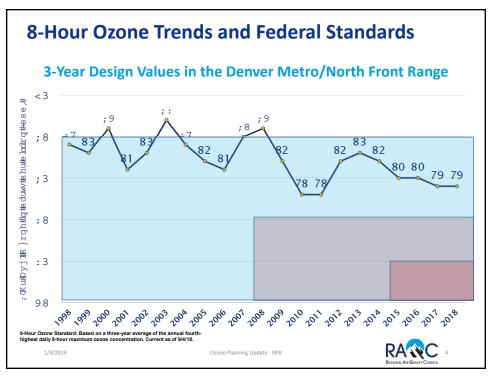


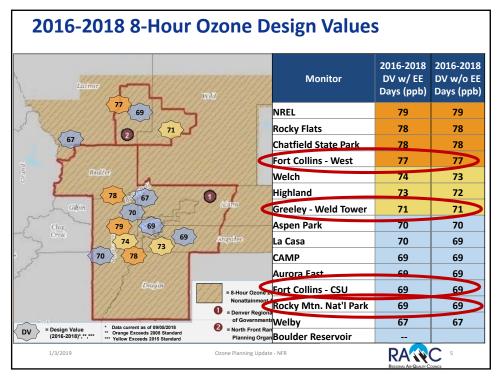
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RAWC REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

	Front Range Air Quality Stat
Fine Particulates (PM _{2.5})	Never Violated
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	Denver Attained in mid '80's
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Never Violated
Lead (Pb)	Denver Attained in mid '80's
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Denver, Longmont, Ft. Collins, Greeley Attained in 1990's - Maintenance Areas
Coarse Particulates (TSP&PM ₁₀)	Denver Attained in 1993 – Maintenance A
Ozone (O ₃)	
1979 1-hour standard: 125 ppb	Denver Attained 1987 (Standard Revoked)
1997 8-hour standard: 84 ppb	Region Attained in 2009 (Standard Revoke
2008 8-hour standard: 75 ppb	Region Out of compliance
2015 8-hour standard: 70 ppb	Region Out of compliance





Marginal: Attaining		16 Areas
Allentown-Bethlehem, PA-NJ	Knoxville, TN	San Luis Obispo, CA
Baton Rouge, LA	Lancaster, PA	Seaford, DE
Charlotte-Concord, NC-SC	Memphis, TN	St. Louis, MO
Cincinnati, OH	Pittsburgh, PA	Upper Green River Basin, WY
Cleveland, OH	Reading, PA	•
Columbus, OH	San Francisco-Oakland, CA	
Moderate: Attaining		3 Areas
Atlanta, GA	Baltimore, MD	Mariposa County, CA
Marginal: Not Attaining/Incomplete D	ata	6 Areas
Calaveras County, CA	Philadelphia, PA	Washington-Arlington, DC-VA
Dukes County, MA	Pechanga Band of Luiseno	
Jamestown, NY	Mission Indians, CA	
Moderate: Not Attaining - 1-Year Exte	nsion	2 Areas
Denver/North Front Range, CO	Sheboygan, WI	
Moderate: Not Attaining - Bump-Up to	o Serious	9 Areas
Chicago, IL	Houston, TX	New York-New Jersey, NY-NJ
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	Imperial County (El Centro), CA	Phoenix, AZ
Hartford, CT	Nevada County (Truckee), CA	San Diego, CA
erious and Above: Not Attaining		8 Areas
Kern County, CA	Morongo Band of Mission	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA
Los Angeles-South Coast Basin, CA	Indians, CA	Ventura County, CA
San Joaquin, CA	Los Angeles-San Bernardino, CA	Sacramento Metro. CA

2015 Ozone NAAQS (70 ppb) **Effective Date:** Aug. 3, 2018 **52 Nonattainment** Areas 41 Areas Classified as Marginal: **Includes Denver** Metro/North Front **Range Area** All but 1 area with a higher classification are in California **Marginal Attainment** Date: Aug. 2021 (2018-2020 data) RAWC: Ozone Planning Update - NFR

Air Quality Planning Process for Ozone

Identify sources of emissions

Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Determine relative contributions from sources and geographic regions

Field studies

Air quality modeling

Identify and develop emission reduction strategies and determine effectiveness

Demonstrate future attainment

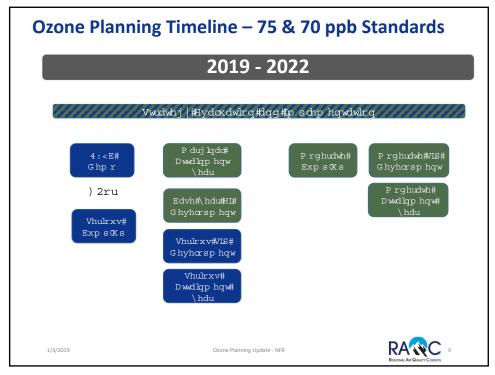
Air quality modeling and "Weight of Evidence"

Implement measures and track progress

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Numerous Emissions Control Programs Already in Place

- New vehicle emission standards
- Inspection and maintenance program
- Gasoline and diesel fuel standards and requirements
- National small engine, non-road and off-road limits
- Industrial source permitting and emission controls
- Numerous standards for commercial solvents/paints/coatings supplies and use
- Architectural and industrial maintenance coatings and consumer products
- Oil and gas industry regulations
- Transportation planning and transit
- Public education and outreach

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2019 Ozone Work

Technical Analyses

- Emissions inventory improvements
- Project future concentrations for both standards utilizing complex modeling
- "What if" modeling scenarios to evaluate strategies
- Analyze the impacts of international emissions

Strategy Analyses

- Low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) gasoline & clean diesel
- Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)/Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV)
- Construction equipment
- · Lawn and garden equipment
- Low-VOC architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings and consumer products
- Industrial and area sources
- Agriculture and marijuana grow operations
- Education and outreach approaches



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QUESTIONS?

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CO 402 and I-25 Interchange Reconstruction

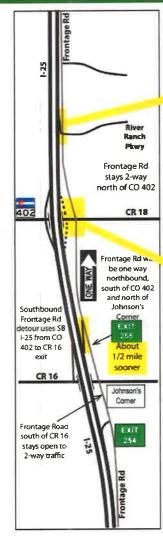
Timeline: Fall 2018 - Summer 2020

- Flip interchange so that CO 402 will pass over I-25
- Shift I-25 to the east to eliminate sharp curve
- New frontage road constructed to the east of the interchange to eliminate bottlenecks between CO 402, Frontage Road and ramp traffic
- Closure of CO 402 from northbound ramps to southbound ramps summer 2019 to fall 2019 (120 Days)

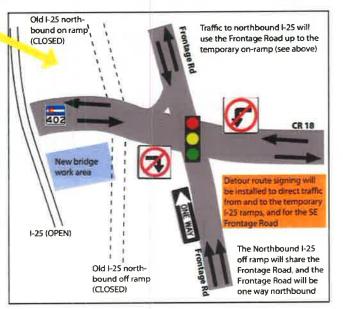




SE Frontage Rd.
Temporary Detour
for CO 402 Work



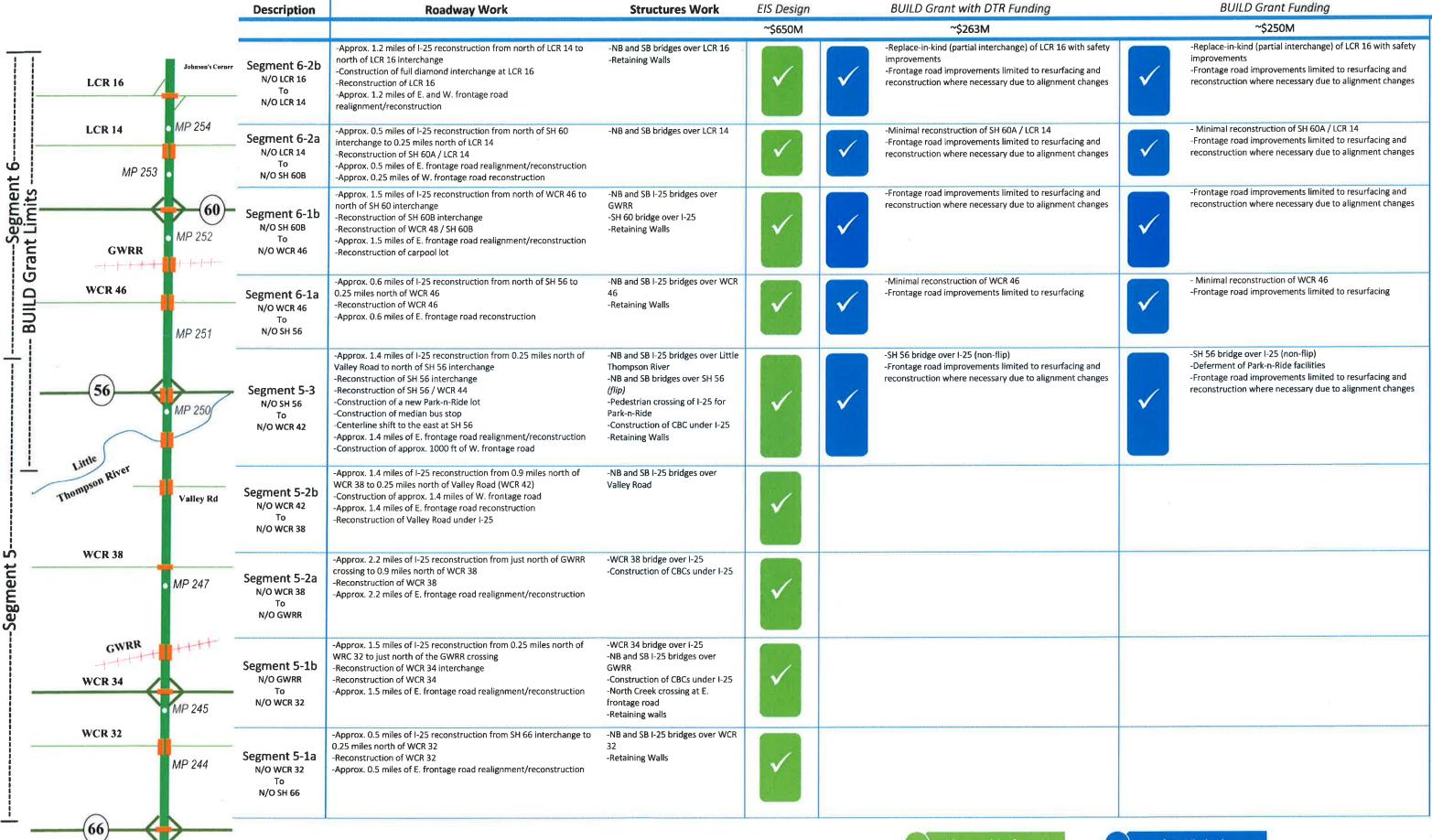






Johnstown - Fort Collins

Scenarios



MP 243





See associated notes



NFRMPO Planning Council





2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets

Value Statement

Adopted on: September 4, 2014

We seek to provide a multi-modal transportation system that is safe, as well as socially and environmentally sensitive for all users that protects and enhances the region's quality of life and economic vitality.

	ECONON		Goal 1 DPMENT/	QUALITY OF LIF	E	Goal 2 MOBILITY			Goal 3 MULTI-MODAL		Goal 4 OPERATIONS							
MPO GOAL		developm		em that supports aproves resident		ansportation syste ods safely, efficien			Provide a ystem that improve portation system o		Optimiz	transportation	portation facilities					
NATIONAL				nt movement and the state of th		stion reduction, sy	stem reliability	Infrastructu	re condition, syste	m reliability	Congestion reduction, freight movement and economic vitalit project delivery							
OBJECTIVE	Conforms t quality requireme	tra o air in and ent m	Maintain insportation frastructure d facilities to inimize the need for placement or habilitation 2	Investment in infrastructure	Reduce number of severe traffic crashes 4	Use the Congestion Management Process (CMP) to reduce congestion	Reliable travel times	Support Transportation services for all including the most vulnerable and transit dependent populations	Implement RTE, Regional Bicycle Plan, and North I- 25 EIS	Develop infrastructure that supports alternate modes and connectivity	Use Transportation Demand Management techniques to reduce congestion and optimize the system 10	Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	Enhance tra service in the					
Each measur	re (and target) or policy	is associa		more objectives in			bers		2.12								
PERFORMANCE MEASURE		Air quality conformity te on plans an programs	ests d	2, 3 umber of facility samples with poor surface condition	3 Bridges with a sufficiency rating below 50.0	4 Five-year rolling average of injury and fatal crashes	5,6,10, 11 Regionally significant congested corridors with a travel time index of 2.5 times or less than free flow	Population and essential destinations within paratransit and demand response service area within the MPO boundary	8,9 Non-motorized facilities per capita	8,12 Fixed-route revenue hours per capita within service areas	Transit service vehicles within useful life parameters established by FTA	10 VMT growt capita	h per	12 Fixed-route idership per apita within service areas				
TARGET (over 4 years)		Passes Confori	mity	Reduce by 1%	Less than 5% of bridges	No increase in crashes	Maintain at least 80%	At least 85%	Increase by at least 2%	Increase by 30%	Maintain 75%	Change in ' should not e change populatio	xceed In-	crease by 10%				
2040 RTP PLAN POLICY	Support freig performance partnership w CDOT	in amen	13 ocess TIP dments on a uarterly chedule															

Value Statement
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	Ec	Goal Area 1 onomic Developn Quality of Life			Goal Area 2 Mobility			Goal Area 3 Multi-Modal		Goal Area 4 Operations					
MPO GOAL		nsportation system relopment and imp quality of life		moves p	transportation ecople and goo ciently, and re	ds safely,		odal system that imp sportation system co		Optimize operations of transportation facilities					
	In	frastructure Condi	tion		Safety		Int	frastructure Conditio	n	C	Congestion Reduction				
NATIONAL GOALS	Freight mo	ovement and econ	omic vitality	Co	ngestion Reduc	ction		System Reliability		Freight Movement and Economic Vitality					
	Envi	ronmental Sustain	ability	S	ystem Reliabil	ity		System Redability		Reduced Project Delivery Delays					
OBJECTIVES	Conform to air quality requirement	Maintain transportation infrastructure and facilities	Increase investment in infrastructure	Reduce number of severe traffic crashes	Reduce congestion	Improve travel time reliability	Support transportation services for all including the most vulnerable and transit- dependent populations	Increase mode share of non- single occupancy vehicles (SOV) modes	Develop infrastructure that supports alternate modes and connectivity	Optimize the transportation system	Enhance Transit Service in the NFR region	Reduce project delivery time frame			
PERFORMANCE MEASURES & TARGETS	5	2 3 T-2 T-3	6	1	4	4	6	6	6	4	6	6			



Conform to air quality requirements



Maintain transportation infrastructure and facilities



Increase investment in infrastructure



Reduce number of severe crashes



Reduce congestion



Improve travel time reliability



Support transportation service for all, including the most vulnerable and transit-dependent populations



Increase mode share of non-single occupancy vehicles (SOV) modes



Develop infrastructure that supports alternate modes and connectivity



Optimize the transportation system



Enhance transit service in the NFR region



Reduce project delivery time frame

2045 RTP Draft Strategies



	2045 GOPMT Objectives										
2045 RTP Draft Strategies						(3)		₩		%	To the second
1. Provide financial support to Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) in analyzing impacts of transportation on air quality.											
2. Continue to partner with RAQC to include both on-road and non-road air quality education and during summer outreach events.	•										
3. Prioritize rehabilitating and replacing aging infrastructure over system expansion.		•						•	•		
4. Encourage submittal of a maintenance plan including identified funding sources for operations and maintenance for all capacity projects.		•						•			
5. Support freight performance in partnership with CDOT.											

2045 RTP Draft Strategies					©		₫				
6. Partner with CDOT to advance teen and elderly driver safety programs.			•								
7. Support efforts and agencies that encourage non-single occupancy vehicle travel.				•			•				
8. Implement the CMP on a corridor and/or project specific basis to reduce travel delays.	•										
9. Evaluate federally-funded projects administered by the NFRMPO for effective consideration and inclusion of Transportation Demand Management (TDM).	•			•	•				•		
10. Encourage the use of a percentage of project funds to implement TDM strategies during construction to alleviate congestion and related air emissions.	•			•	•			•	•		
11. Support efforts to develop and implement local TDM programs by encouraging applications for CMAQ funding.											
12. Include fiber optic cables for new signals, roadways, and as part of other ITS projects to help develop the North Front Range Fiber Network.	•	•	•	•	•				•		
13. Ensure adequate funding for regional paratransit providers that serve disabled and elderly populations.											
14. Encourage complete street design, especially between neighborhoods and activity centers to facilitate safe and convenient travel for all modes and all abilities.	•	•	•			•		•		•	

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15. Promote the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that use best practices guidance from FHWA, NACTO, and CDOT.	•		•				•	•		
16. Reference the Colorado ADA Transition Plan when developing new projects or conducting maintenance on existing infrastructure.		•				•				
17. Identify qualified partners and/or seek training to earn necessary qualifications to ensure compliance with ADA through design and construction.						•				
18. Partner with local agencies to help identify where ADA retrofits are needed most.		•								
19. Continue to use the 2016 Non-Motorized Plan as a tool to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects for future funding.							•			
20. Coordinate with local and state partners to collect, maintain, and publicize bicycle and pedestrian facility and user data.							•	•		
21. Support traveler information technology, such as real-time messages on incidents, congestion, and travel time to improve system reliability.	•			•	•				•	
22. Support a Great Western Railway feasibility study that compares regional rail to similar regional bus routes.										
23. Support and/or host transit education programs to help first-time users incorporate transit as a viable mode of transportation.	•									
24. Ensure investments in transit are adequate to keep the current fleet in a state of good repair and to maintain operations.	•			•						

2045 RTP Draft Strategies Cont'd



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25. Encourage regional cooperation between transit agencies and CDOT to increase ease of transfers between systems.						
26. Coordinate with CDOT to ensure proper project close-out protocol are followed.						
27. Ensure projects can be completed during the time frame required to receive federal funding.						
28. Process TIP amendments on a bi-monthly schedule.						
29. Coordinate with local planning partners and reference existing plans to maximize efficiency of project design and delivery.						

Discussion



- Are there strategies missing?
- Should any be removed?
- Do any need to be amended or expanded?
- Are connections between strategies and objectives logical?
- Are there any missing or excessive connections?



North Front Range MPO Area - Project Status Updates (12/31/2018)

Roadway / Segment	Status
SH14	
SH14/US287 Flood Repair NW of Fort Collins	Spring 2019 construction
SH14 Safety work west of Ted's Place	In design
SH14 @ WCR33 Intersection Safety	Advertise Spring 2019
I-25	
Design /Build	Construction is underway.
Wellington to WYO Cable Rail	Ad Spring 2019
Vine Drive Bridge	Advertise Dec 2018. Construct Spring 2019
US34	
Big Thompson Canyon Flood Repair	Roadway is open. Under construction
PEL Study	Final report releasing Jan 2019
34 Business Rt Overlay & Bridge Work (Flood)	In Construction
SH60	
WCR 40 Intersection Improvements	Construction is underway.
SH257 (Flood) – Little Thompson Structures	Construction complete
Over the South Platte River	Construction is underway.
SH263	
US85 to Greeley Airport- Devolution	Complete
US287	
SH1 to LaPorte Bypass	Construction continues.
Foothills Parkway Intersection	Early 2019 advertisement
ADA Curb Ramp Program	
Greeley ADA Curb Ramps Phase 1	Construction is underway
Loveland ADA Curb Ramps Phase 1	Construct Spring 2019



STAC Summary – December 7, 2018

- 1) Introductions & October Minutes Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)
 - a) October 2018 STAC Minutes approved without revisions.
- 2) Transportation Commission Report Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)
 - a) Highlighted the TC discussions about the Rest Area Study, Multimodal Options Fund, and the 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP).
 - b) Vince attended his first meeting of the Transportation Commission SWP Committee as a committee member.
 - i) The committee spent some time discussing how CDOT could integrate development of the transit and transportation plans better, and the meaning of plan integration. The TC also discussed Proposition #110 and passed a resolution in support of the measure.
 - c) STAC Discussion: None
- 3) Federal Lands Access Program Jerad Esquibel (Director CDOT Project Support)
 - a) STAC is entitled to one representative on the three-person Programming Decision Committee that reviews applications for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds.
 - b) The committee will convene after the March 2019 call for projects. The committee disburses about \$15 million-\$16 million every year.
 - c) These funds are to improve transportation facilities owned or maintained by non-federal agencies that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands.
 - d) <u>STAC ACTION</u>: STAC elected Bentley Henderson as the representative and Keith Baker as the alternate.
- 4) Low Emission Vehicle Standards Debra Perkins-Smith (CDOT Division of Transportation Development)
 - a) The previous administration raised the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, and the current administration has rolled the standards back. Twelve states, including California, have elected to follow the higher standards.
 - b) Increasing the miles per gallon standard not only would save energy, but help to reduce vehicle emissions (Vehicle emissions are among the contributors to greenhouse gas).
 - c) The Regional Air Quality Council (RACQ) discussed the idea in November, and heard a considerable amount of testimony for and against it.
 - d) <u>STAC Discussion</u>: STAC discussed the effects of the CAFE standards on the wide array of vehicles that exist within the state (e.g. SUVs, agricultural equipment, etc.) and acknowledged that CAFE standards only apply to new vehicles.
- 5) Where Does Colorado Rank Debra Perkins-Smith (CDOT Division of Transportation Development)
 - a) Discussed a graph showing where Colorado ranks compared to the other states on these national performance standards: interstate/NHS condition, interstate/NHS bridge condition, interstate/NHS system reliability, interstate freight reliability, and statewide fatality rate.
 - b) The graph shows Colorado ranks highest in being bike friendly (6th in nation), transit utilization (12th), and bridge condition (13th).
 - c) Colorado's other rankings are for interstate/NHS system reliability (39th), interstate/NHS pavement condition (38th), interstate freight reliability (29th), and statewide fatality rate (21st).
 - d) Mike Lewis had these observations:
 - i) Colorado has an extensive rural transit system, reporting more ridership than the rural transit system in California.
 - ii) There is a direct correlation between investment and the ranking of Colorado among the 50 states.



- iii) Thanks to the Bridge Enterprise Fund, Colorado's bridges rank high. Completion of the Central 70 project, which will include replacing the viaduct, should cause the state's bridges to rank even higher.
- iv) CDOT calculates that it is \$200 million short each year in pavement improvements, which explains the low ranking in pavement condition.
- e) <u>STAC Discussion</u>: STAC discussed the unique financial constraints that exist with Colorado and the tradeoffs associated with making investment decisions. STAC also pointed out that the adjacent states of Kansas and Utah both rank higher than Colorado and we all know how competitive Mike Lewis is about comparisons with Utah.
- 6) **2045 Statewide Plan Kickoff** Marissa Gaughan (CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch)
 - a) Discussed high-level overview of the development of the 2045 statewide transportation plan (SWP).
 - b) TransPlanning Partnership also included development of the Transportation Planning Toolkit accessible from the planning webpage that describes the five stages of project development: idea, planning, funding, selection, and improvement. All connect with the Planning Manual. The toolkit is a quick and easy way for the public and CDOT planning partners to get information on the planning process.
 - c) Key themes of the 2045 SWP and RTP will be technology, quality of life, all travel modes, and economic vitality.
 - d) <u>STAC Discussion</u>: STAC discussed the release date of the Revenue Projections and Program Distribution.
- 7) **Smart Mobility Plan -** Bob Fifer and Ryan Rice (Mobility Operations Division)
 - a) Discussion of Smart Mobility Plan.
 - b) Smart Mobility is using technology to solve mobility problems across Colorado and especially in the rural areas.
 - c) Five regional workshops throughout the state conducted October through November.
 - d) The workshops highlighted regional priorities and site-specific solutions.
 - e) <u>STAC Discussion</u>: STAC discussed the need for information security as the top priority of Smart Mobility, retrofitting old vehicles with new technology, and need for a strong fiber optics network.
- 8) **Rest Area Program -** *Marissa Gaughan (Multimodal Planning Branch)*
 - a) Discussed CDOT's Rest Area Program and the recent study that is informing it.
 - b) The key findings of the study are that the CDOT-owned rest areas should remain open because they contribute to highway safety, tourism and economic development, and are part of the way the public views CDOT.
 - c) Another finding is that CDOT needs to be a separate asset program within asset management.
 - d) <u>STAC Discussion</u>: STAC discussed the overwhelming importance of Rest Areas in the state and asked how the program could be funded. FHWA commented on the limitations partnering with private companies.
- 9) Other Business Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)
 - a) The next STAC Meeting will be held on January 25th at CDOT Headquarters (2829 W. Howard Place, Denver) from 9:00 AM 12:00 PM.
- 10) STAC Adjourns