

### On the Move: Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates

Making the North Front Range more walkable, Safety Improvements in Greeley, Loveland Bike Month, and more. Read on for the latest transportation updates along the North Front Range.

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#### **Summer construction in Northern Colorado**

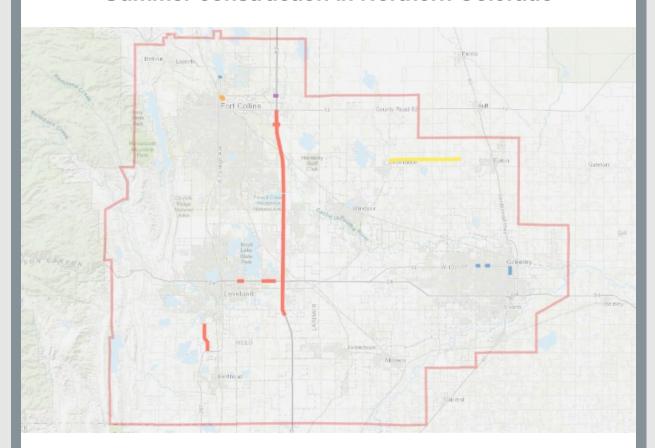


Image Credit: NFRMPO staff

Each summer, the NFRMPO collects data about upcoming construction projects happening in Larimer and Weld counties. Starting this summer, the NFRMPO has a new interactive map with major regional construction projects. Each quarter, staff will update the map to keep an up-to-date map to assist residents and visitors alike navigate construction.

Some projects, like intersection improvements, may be hard to see from the wide map extent. It is recommended to zoom in and explore the map to see projects large and small.

To see the most up-to-date map, <u>visit the ArcGIS Online map</u>. Please <u>contact NFRMPO staff</u> if a project is missing or needs to be updated.

### NFRMPO staff coming to your community!



Image Credit: NFRMPO staff

NFRMPO staff attends community events each summer, having conversations with residents about transportation needs, concerns, and current planning efforts. This year, the NFRMPO staff will be discussing the <a href="Mailto:2045 Regional Transportation Plan">2045 Regional Transportation Plan</a> (RTP) in addition to the summer ozone season. Trivia will make its return for prizes including hats, stress balls, bike lights, VanGo<sup>TM</sup> chamois, as well as tote bags, stickers, temporary tattoos, Airheads, and Iollipops. To date, NFRMPO staff has attended events in Fort Collins, Berthoud, and Johnstown as well as Bike to Work stations in Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley.

An up-to-date schedule of outreach events are available on the NFRMPO calendar. If you are interested in having the NFRMPO at an event, let us know.



### 2045 Regional Transportation Plan out for Public Comment in August

The <u>2045 Regional Transportation Plan</u> (RTP) will be out for public comment from August 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019. Check the <u>NFRMPO website</u> for more up-to-date information about the <u>2045 RTP</u> and what it means for the region's roads, transit, freight, and bike and ped networks.

**North I-25 Express Lanes project continues** 

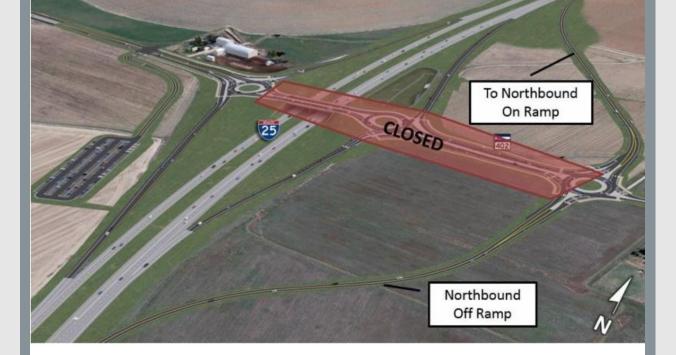


Image Credit: CDOT

The *I-25 North Express Lanes: Johnstown to Fort Collins* project will include one Tolled Express Lane (TEL) in each direction, replace aging bridges, and widen four other bridges. Additionally, upgraded Park-n-Ride facilities at SH402, a new Park-n-Ride facility at Kendall Parkway, and new slip ramps from the *I-25* Express Lanes to the Kendall Parkway Park-n-Ride stop will improve transit and non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) access to *I-25*. At Kendall Parkway and Harmony Road, new pedestrian and bicycle access will help bridge the non-motorized trail system across *I-25*.

Major construction will continue this summer as SH402 will close at I-25 for 120 days, the Prospect Road overpass is replaced, and I-25 near SH392 is expanded. More information about the I-25 project is available at <a href="https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/johnstown-to-fort-collins/johnstown-fort-collins">https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/johnstown-to-fort-collins/johnstown-fort-collins</a>.

### Loveland planning transportation future with Connect Loveland

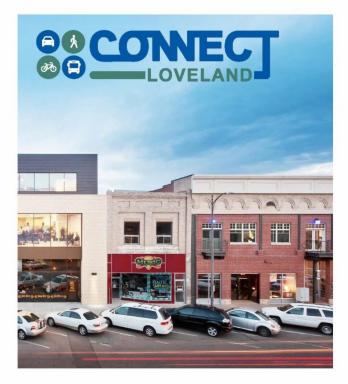






Image Credit: City of Loveland

On May 15, 2019, the City of Loveland kicked off Connect Loveland, the Transportation, Transit, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Updates. The project effort will update the current Loveland Transportation, Transit, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, currently three separate plans on three separate schedules, at the same time. This will streamline the Plan update process, receive input from residents and stakeholders at one time, and to ensure there are not duplicate efforts. An Existing Conditions report was completed by the project consultant team in April 2019 and is available on the project's website.

The Plan is anticipated to be adopted in May 2020. Additional information of the Connect Loveland effort can be found here: <a href="https://www.cityofloveland.org/ConnectLoveland">www.cityofloveland.org/ConnectLoveland</a>.

# Four-Year Program of Transportation Projects Adopted

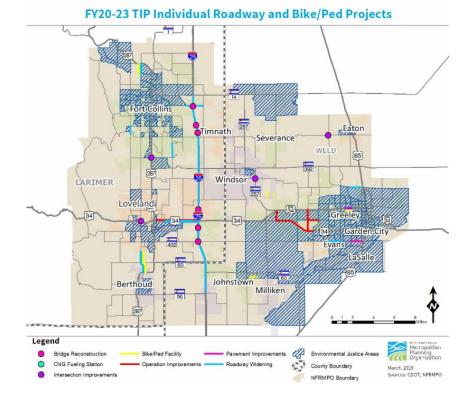


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The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies the federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects to be implemented within the region over a four-year timeframe. The NFRMPO maintains the TIP for the North Front Range region and ensures all federal requirements are met, including consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), fiscal constraint, environmental justice, and conformity with air quality requirements.

The TIP, covering fiscal years (FY) 2020 through 2023, was adopted by the Planning Council on June 6, 2019. The TIP is consistent with the 2040 RTP and is scheduled to be re-adopted by the Planning Council on September 5, 2019 to demonstrate consistency with the new 2045 RTP. The TIP includes projects selected during the approved FY2020-2021 and FY2021-2023 Calls for Projects processes for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) programs. To learn more about the projects in the TIP, visit https://nfrmpo.org/tip/.

# State kicks off Statewide Transportation Plan, looking for input from Coloradans



Image Credit: Your Transportation Plan

At the May 17, 2019 State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) kicked off its 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan, also known as Your Transportation Plan. The kick-off of the Statewide plan also marks the kick-off of a statewide listening tour, with CDOT staff visiting each of Colorado's 64 counties to discuss transportation priorities in rural areas. In addition to the meetings, CDOT also launched a Your Transportation Plan online survey to solicit feedback from Colorado residents on the transportation issues critical to them. The purpose of the meetings and survey is to form CDOT's investment priorities for the 2045 Statewide Plan in addition to a 10-year strategic pipeline of projects.

More information on the 2045 Statewide Plan as well as the survey can be found here: <a href="https://www.codot.gov/programs/colorado-transportation-matters/your-transportation-plan/">https://www.codot.gov/programs/colorado-transportation-matters/your-transportation-plan/</a>.



Skip two car trips each week to reduce harmful, ozone-causing emissions.

### RAQC kicks off #JustSkip2 campaign

The Front Range, from Douglas County to the Wyoming state line, has historically high levels of ground-level ozone, a harmful air pollutant. Ground-level ozone is created when emissions from cars "cook" in sunlight and is most prevalent during the summer months. Reducing two personal car trips each week can help limit the chemicals in our air that produce ozone. Combining errand trips, packing a lunch instead of driving, carpooling, or taking the bus or a train are fantastic ways to help air quality. Get more tips at <a href="SimpleStepsBetterAir.org">SimpleStepsBetterAir.org</a>, a program of the Regional Air Quality Council..

Colorado Bike Month: Another Fun Ride



#### Image Credit: CDOT

Although May is recognized nationally as Bike Month, Colorado waits until June to celebrate to account for the state's unpredictable spring weather, especially in mountain communities. The month-long celebration in Northern Colorado was larger this year than ever before.

National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1, kicked off the month with several trail improvement projects across the region. On Sunday, June 16, Fort Collins shut down parts of Maple Street and Sherwood Street to motorized traffic for the first of two Open Streets events in 2019 to promote safe transportation for all. The City of Loveland Public Works Department helped coordinate 13 events throughout the community in June including guided bike tours, an art museum exhibit, Bike to Church Day, and much more.

For many Coloradans, the pinnacle of Bike Month is Bike to Work Day, celebrated the fourth Wednesday of June. This year, on June 26, agencies and sponsors partnered to host 125 breakfast stations or afternoon/evening stops across the NFRMPO region, up from 112 stations in 2018.

The City of Loveland and Keysight Technologies, Inc. also sponsored a two-month Bike to Work Challenge for employers in the region from May 1 through June 28. Staff from the City of Loveland, CSU, Banner Health, and the NFRMPO competed with 12 other teams for a traveling trophy. 217 employees participated in the Challenge, logging 30,024 commute miles. The CSU Atmospheric Cyclists team won the third annual Challenge and will hold onto the trophy until next year.

#### **Get Involved**

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/">https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/</a>, and to download meeting materials, visit <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials/">https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials/</a>.

#### **Upcoming Events**

### **Recurring Meetings**

July 3

<u>Greeley Stampede</u>

July 4 - July 5 Independence Day NFRMPO Office Closed

July 13
Eaton Days

July 20 LaSalle Day

August 10 Milliken Beef N' Bean Day

August 17
Severance Day

August 23 - August 24 Old Fashioned Corn Roast Festival

September 1 - September 2 Windsor Harvest Festival

September 2 Labor Day NFRMPO Office Closed

September 14
Evans Heritage Day

September 28
Taste in Timnath

6:30 p.m. at the Southwest Weld County Services Center.

NFRMPO Council meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30

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North I-25 Funding Committee meets the first Friday of each

p.m. The location rotates among the NFRMPO member

**North I-25 Funding Committee** meets the first Friday of each month at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse.

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Windsor Recreation Center

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Windsor Recreation Center.

**Senior Transportation Coalition (STC)** meets the first Thursday every other month (February) at 1:30 p.m. at the South Transit Center.

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (January and March) at 10:00 a.m. the NFRMPO Office.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) meets the fourth Thursday of every other month (February) at 1:30 p.m. at a rotating location.