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Monthly Report from the Air Pollution Control Division (Division) to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

- The February 20, 2020 Air Quality Control Commission (Commission) meeting will include a Colorado Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Roadmap briefing, provided by the Colorado Energy Office. The meeting will also include rule making hearing requests for the following:
 - To consider a proposal to revise Regulation 6, Part A (NSPS) to incorporate by reference changes the EPA made to its New Source Performance Standards and/or Emission Guidelines.
 - To consider revisions to Regulation 9 regarding Open Burning, Prescribed Fire, and Permitting in order to clarify language and definitions in a number of sections, and to move actual 3-year percentage results for user fees out of the regulation.
 - To consider establishing a new Regulation Number 22 regarding greenhouse gas emissions reporting in response to SB19-096 and emissions limits in response to HB19-1261 and SB19-236. The Division will also propose provisions in the new Regulation Number 22 for the reduction of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) by prohibiting the manufacture and use of HFCs in specific end-uses on a statewide basis. Additional proposals are anticipated over time.
- Materials from the Division's January 16-17 stakeholder meeting on GHG Reporting and HFC Emission Reduction are available at the following website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/greenhouse-gas-reporting-and-hydrofluorocarbons-emission-reduction>
- Information related to the Division's engine rule making process is available at the following website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/engine-rulemaking-process>



Executive Director Report

February 6, 2020

- Summary of Council meeting out by the Monday following
- Introduce Lisa Gagliardi
- E MPO update – currently in the legislative process. Denver Metro is interested in using this.
Modeled after RTA
- E.D. Goals are on consent because no formal action was taken at the January meeting.
- Submitted a grant for OC/OC trip discover software and it looks highly favorable that the grant will be successful. \$32k grant \$8k match out of FC Sales tax as approved by Council.
Other Capital Application for 2020 Consolidated Capital Call for Projects (CCCP) – CDOT small urban portion of 5310
- MPOF applications were due January 31.
- 14 projects received
- 7 communities
 - 7 bike/ped
 - 3 transit
 - 4 mobility
- Total request
 - Off the top \$725,000
 - Bike/Ped: \$2,274,417
 - Transit: \$1,277,500
 - Mobility: \$1,375,000
 - Total: \$5,651,417
- Total Available \$5,575,417 - \$76,000 short of funding everything
- Scoring Committee next week – all applicants must attend

Executive Director Goals for 2020, as of January 9, 2020

The first goal is to provide training about the MPO to Councilmembers, TAC and other interested parties such as other elected officials. The purpose is to enable Council and TAC members to be knowledgeable in their roles and responsibilities in representing the region as well as their community. Since there is a significant amount of information to convey a combination of learning opportunities will be used. The first is to create short videos, available on the MPO website, on various topics. This will have some budget impacts as it is not currently identified in the 2020 budget. This will be brought back to the Council or Finance Committee as appropriate. Next, is to have group training at least twice a year, especially following elections. This will be coordinated in conjunction with regular MPO Council meetings. The last type of training will be one-on-one opportunities. This would be a meeting with a new Councilmember and the Executive Director or a presentation to a full member Council, Board, or Commission, to give a general overview and outline. These could be scheduled on request.

The next goal is to have the NFRMPO act as an incubator to implement the start of the One Call/One Click center for the region. If Council approves funding at the January 9, 2020 meeting for the Expansion of the Mobility Program, we will start moving forward on hiring a Mobility Manager and an AmericCorp Vista volunteer(s) as staff to get the program operational. There will be performance measures identified along the way and regular reports to Council on progress.

The last goal is individual professional development. I am exploring membership in National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) as they are a professional organization that covers regional councils and MPO's and has an Executive Director tract that would be beneficial to the region. Additionally, I will be participating in the Intermountain MPO annual meeting comprised of MPO's in seven western states.

Goal Summary:

MPO Training = Organizational & Council goal focus

One Call/One Click = Organizational goal focus

Professional Development = individual goal focus, supporting organization and team



- A quick discussion about premium transit in the North Front Range region based on questions asked at last month's Planning Council meeting.

Planning Council Action - 1/9/2020

- Resolution 2020-05
- Premium Transit, not just rail

Remaining questions:

- What does a Scope of Work look like for this project?
- How will local match be addressed?

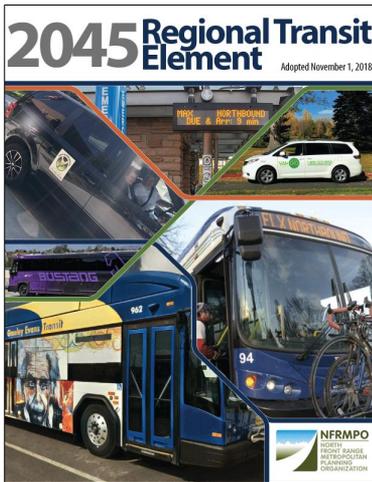


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At last month's Planning Council meeting, Councilmembers asked for clarification on two items related to the resolution that was passed. What corridors would be studied and what would a Scope of Work look like for this project? The other question was clarifying how local match would be addressed.

This map is just a graphical showing of the 2045 RTE corridors and what it could look like as a transit map.

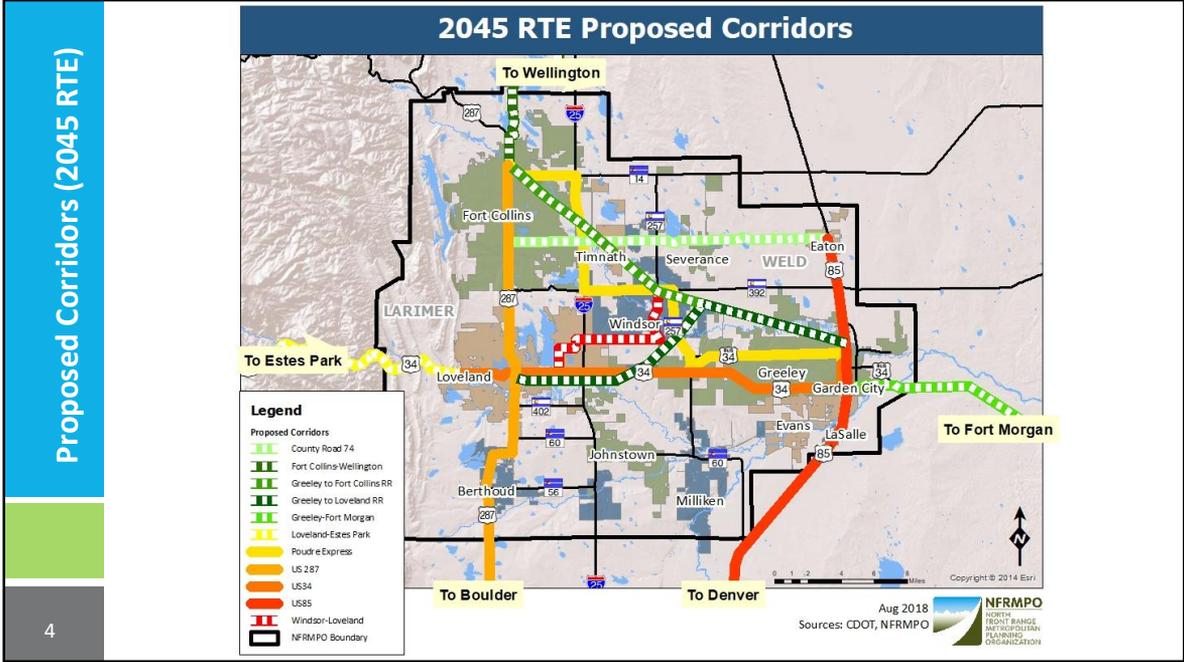
Scope of Work



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| Corridor |
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| Harmony Road/Weld County Road (WCR) 74 |
| Fort Collins to Wellington (SH1) |
| Greeley to Fort Morgan (US34) |
| Loveland to Estes Park (US 34) |
| Poudre Express (Fort Collins to Windsor to Greeley) |
| US287 (Fort Collins to Longmont/Boulder) |
| US34 (Loveland to Greeley) |
| US85 (Eaton to Denver Region) |
| GWRR – Greeley to Fort Collins |
| GWRR – Greeley to Loveland |

These are the corridors that were approved as part of the 2045 Regional Transit Element in November 2018. If we were to study each of these routes, the feasibility study would grow significantly. We feel we can narrow in on three specific routes and corridors: US34 between Greeley and Loveland is on the NFRMPO's 10-Year List of Strategic Projects, and the Great Western Railway corridors were the original corridors presented in this project. US85 was also on the Strategic List of Projects, but that project may be better handled by Bustang and CDOT. Other routes are interregional, but the focus of this study is internal circulation, not connections to Denver.



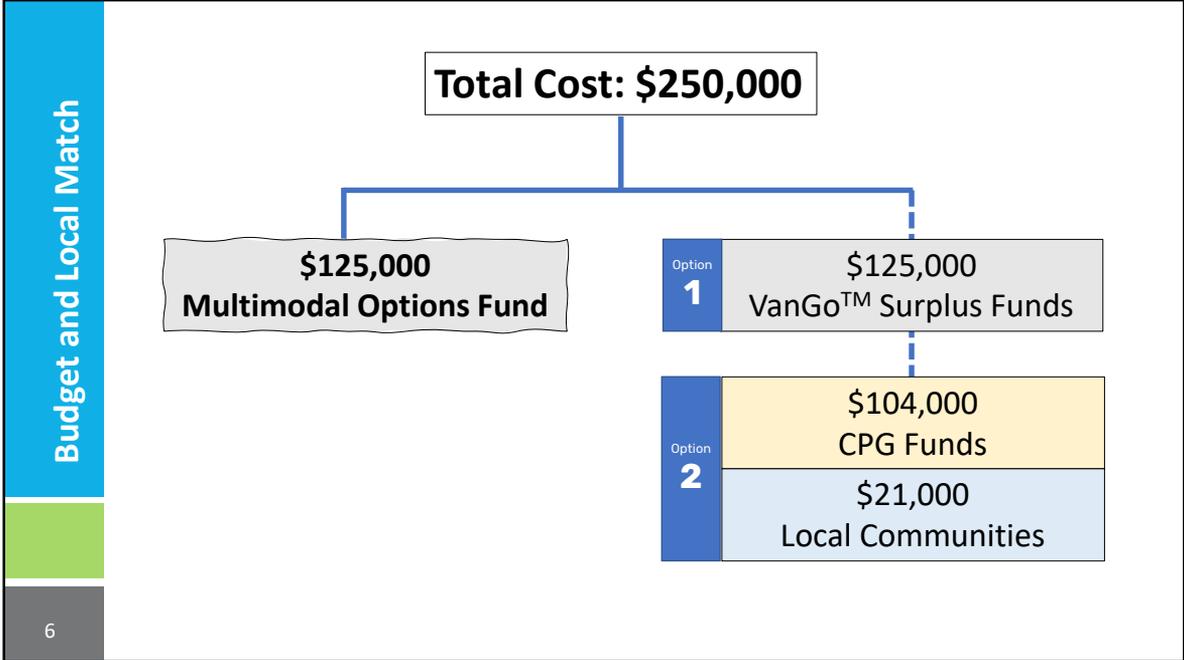
This is a graphical explanation of our routes.

- **Corridor Identification**
- **Financial Plan**
- **Governance**
- **Outreach**
- **Preferred Outcomes**



These categories are what are explained in the memo in your packet. Corridor identification would include alternatives analysis, right of way analysis, and other information needed to decide on upgraded/premium transit. The financial plan would include how much things cost and how we could potentially pay for it. Since these routes would go across multiple jurisdictions, we need to figure out who runs/operates/finances the projects. Outreach will be needed to decide on the details of the project. Preferred outcomes is the final recommendation that will come back to the Planning Council for approval.

Thoughts and questions on the scope of work?



The other question was about how to fund this project. The Planning Council agreed to set aside \$125k from the Multimodal Options Fund. There are two options for local funds: use VanGo™ surplus funds, which would be the easiest for billing and would have fewer hiccups; the other option is to use CPG funds and to have local communities fund the match on the CPG portion. Staff recommends VanGo™ surplus funds.

Questions?



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Please feel free to reach out to me or Suzette with any questions. Thanks!

North Front Range MPO Area - Project Status Updates (2/3/2020)

| <u>Roadway / Segment</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|---|--|
| SH14 | |
| SH14 Safety work west of Ted's Place | <i>In design</i> |
| I-25 | |
| Design /Build (SH402 to SH14) | <i>Construction is underway. Several closures and lane shifts happening soon for bridge and culvert work</i> |
| Wellington to WYO Cable Rail | <i>Construction starts March 2020</i> |
| Vine Drive Bridge | <i>Construction is wrapping up</i> |
| Segment 6 (SH56 to SH402) | <i>Construction is underway.</i> |
| US34 | |
| US34 & US85 Interchange | <i>In design</i> |
| US34 & Weld County Rd 17 Interchange | <i>In design</i> |
| US34 & 35 th Ave Interchange | <i>In design</i> |
| US34 & 47 th St Interchange | <i>In design</i> |
| SH257 | |
| Windsor Resurfacing | <i>In design</i> |
| Signals at US34 | <i>In design</i> |
| US287 | |
| Foothills Parkway Intersection | <i>Construction starts March 2020</i> |
| Owl Canyon Rd Feasibility Study | <i>Wrapping up</i> |



STAC Summary – December 6, 2019

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair**
 - a) STIP has been released for review. All comments need to be received by next Friday.
 - b) October STAC Minutes approved with one correction to the Central Front Range TPR report.
- 2) **CDOT Update and Current Events-Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director**
 - a) Presentation: Record snowfall requiring a record maintenance deployments.
 - i) TC has approved the SB 267 project list with 78%/22% split between urban/rural non-interstate project types. The projects meet TC’s guiding principles framework with 92% of projects having LOSS of 3 or 4, 78% of projects having mobility benefits, 87% of investment contributing to economic vitality, and 57% of the investment having an element of asset management.
 - ii) NHFP: TC approved the NHFP list of projects. Projects selected had to meet 3 criteria of contributing to Whole System Whole Safety, the Colorado Freight Plan, and having FAC support. The program entails a total investment of \$32,811,631 for FY 19 and 20
 - b) STAC Discussion: N/A
- 3) **Transportation Commission Report – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair**
 - a) Transportation Commission:
 - i) SB 267 list of highway projects was approved without changes.
 - ii) Chain Law/Traction Law: looking at changes to reconcile conflicts between the two laws
 - b) STAC Discussion: N/A
- 4) **TPR and Federal Partner Reports – TPR Representatives and FHWA Representatives**
- 5) **Federal and State Legislative Report- Herman Stockinger & Andy Karsian, CDOT, OPR**
 - a) Presentation:
 - i) Federal:(1) Continuing resolution was passed, and rescission was removed
(2) Delayed legislation: Impeachment and upcoming 2020 election cycle will likely cause backlogs to legislation
(3) Reauthorization: A bill was introduced in the Senate in July that would increase baseline numbers by 27%, but it is stuck in committee.
(4) INFRA Grants: Preparing for a call for projects on December 16, 2019 with a focus on freight projects
 - ii) State: TLRC: Discussed following topics to bring to the Legislature in the upcoming session
 - (a) Hazmat and OSOW permitting: Will look at moving all permitting from POE to CDOT
 - (b) Scenic Byways: will talk about adding donations for scenic byway program
 - (c) Rail: talking about enabling legislation to create rail districts at the local level
 - (d) Distracted driving: will discuss a bill to require hands free driving
 - (e) DUI Enforcement: Looking to replace the funding for DUI enforcement
 - (f) Road usage charge bill: Based on the SB 239 study looking at a charge for commercial vehicles relying on internal combustion engine.
 - (g) Gas tax: Will discuss imposing a fee through legislation vs. an indexed tax on ballot.
 - b) STAC Discussion: STAC representatives suggested several candidate projects for INFRA grant funding and discussed the merit of putting INFRA grants toward build-ready projects to free up state dollars for projects that have a harder time meeting federal requirements. In response to a request for a HAZMAT/EJMT study update, staff indicated that they will meet with stakeholders to finalize the scope in January.
- 6) **New Funding Discussion- David Krutsinger, Division of Transit and Rail**
 - a) Presentation: Of the SB 267 funds, \$42M will be devoted to transit in year 1, and \$50 M will be devoted to transit the following 2-4 years.
 - i) Project selections consist of a mix of CDOT only (25% of funds), partner projects (50% of funds), and local projects (25% of funds)
 - ii) Projects chosen will distribute transit funds across the entire state with 25% of the projects going to rural portions of the state.



- iii) List of projects was developed based on the Transit Development Program, Intercity and Regional Bus Network Plan, Statewide Transit Plan, Environmental Impact Statements, State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan, and input from STAC representatives and stakeholders
 - iv) TRAC reviewed the list and unanimously recommended approval. Requesting STAC feedback before TC discussion this month.
 - b) STAC Discussion: STAC members raised concerns regarding the 25 year lifespan requirement for local/capital transit projects (i.e. the purchase of buses) in light of the fact that there is no such requirement for CDOT only projects. Others raised concerns that the practice of giving state funds to short-term capital could lead to a perception of inefficient use of funds. After a brief discussion STAC members voted (with one opposing vote) to recommend approval of the transit list with an amendment to lift the 25 year requirement for local capital projects going forward. As a side matter, STAC members requested the ability to use municipal or subdivision level data vs. county level data to argue for MMOF match relief. Staff agreed that they could use the alternate data to argue their case to TC.
- 7) **CDOT Budget Update (Informational Update) – Jeffrey Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer**
- a) Presentation: TC approved the annual draft plan of the budget. It will be submitted by December 15, 2019, but won't be finalized for approval until March of 2020 TC session. The new condensed format aims for greater transparency, efficiency, and legibility.
 - b) STAC Discussion: In response to STAC member concerns with how RPP is being budgeted prior to approval, staff clarified that the budgeted portion of RPP is not dependent on the distribution formula.
- 8) **Statewide Plan Update- Rebecca White, Division of Transportation Development**
- a) **Presentation**: Drafts of each TPR/MPO project list are due by December with TPR Chair and RTD meeting scheduled for December and January.
 - i) Year 5-10 Fiscal Constraint: TC has determined that we should assume \$500M per year (total \$3B) for years 5-10 of the 10 year pipeline of projects. This will be distributed to each region as a planning range based on the historic and current RPP formula.
 - ii) Transit set aside target: TC decided each region will devote approximately 10% off of the top of the planning amount to transit
 - iii) Funding split: TC decided that about 25% of those funds should go to rural non-interstate
 - b) RTP Outline: The outline for the RTP has been developed with a TPR overview, snapshot, data findings, mission statement, goals, corridor needs, and transportation topics (select 2-3) to focus on in further depth in your plan.
 - c) STAC discussion: Brief discussion about what should qualify as transit for the 10% requirement and if the 25% devoted to rural roads could be used for rural interstates. STAC members decided that the 25% rural roads should not be used on rural interstates and staff clarified that the 10% requirement for transit can be viewed as a target.
- 9) **Program Distribution and Formula Programs -Tim Kirby, Division of Transportation Development**
- a) Presentation: RPP, FASTER Safety distribution will be discussed at next TC and CMAQ will be discussed in January.
 - i) Because the distribution formulas haven't been decided a planning range was developed for years 5-10 of the 10 year pipeline of projects based on the current and historic RPP formula.
 - b) STAC discussion: STAC debated the merits and drawbacks of RPP distribution formulas, and the concern that it become a benchmark for distributing other program funds.
- 10) **Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)- Bentley Henderson, Intermountain TPR Chair**
- a) \$40.8 million in project costs for the 7 of 22 shortlisted projects. Next call for projects FY 21/22
- 11) **Other Business-Vince Rogalksi, STAC Chair**
- a) Next STAC meeting will be January 10, 2020.
- 12) **Adjourn**