

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council**

Virtual Meeting

August 19, 2020

1:01 – 2:06 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mitch Nelson, Chair – Severance
Eric Tracy, Vice Chair – Larimer County
Dawn Anderson – Weld County
Allison Baxter – Greeley
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dave Klockeman – Loveland
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Karen Schneiders – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

Medora Bornhoft
AnnaRose Cunningham
Ryan Dusil
Becky Karasko

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Marco Carani – Johnstown
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Jeff Schreier – Eaton
Ranae Tunison – FTA
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Abdul Barzak – Severance
Darren Davis – GET
Candice Folkers – COLT
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Josie Hadley – CDOT
Myron Hora – WSP
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Katlyn Kelly – Transfort
Katrina Kloberdanz – CDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 15, 2020 TAC MINUTES

Anderson moved to approve the July 15, 2020 TAC minutes. Klockeman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

NFRMPO Safety Vision: Towards Zero Deaths Policy - Cunningham presented the Safety Vision: Towards Zero Deaths Policy statements, which were discussed at the August 6, 2020 Planning Council meeting.

Schneiders moved to recommend Planning Council approve the NFRMPO Safety Vision: Towards Zero Deaths Policy. Baxter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

NFRMPO Local Match Assistance Process – Bornhoft presented the process for approving local match assistance. Klockeman asked if there could be an agenda item at a future TAC meeting to discuss communities swapping project years, and Oberschmidt agreed that Evans may also be interested in swapping project years. Karasko stated this will be added to the September meeting agenda. Bornhoft noted only TAC would be approving this item, and it does not need to be approved by Planning Council. Klockeman moved to approve the NFRMPO Local Match Assistance Process. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION

STBG Additional Funding Allocations – Bornhoft presented the unprogrammed funding available as reflected in CDOT’s quarterly reconciliation which reflects when projects return unused funding or when planning estimates change. The most recent reconciliation identifies \$3,302,036 of FY2019-FY2021 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and \$2,029,115 of FY2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, which is available for additional allocation. Bornhoft noted the TIP narrative defines how additional funding should be allocated within each pool and NFRMPO staff has confirmed eligible project sponsors are able to obligate additional federal funding. Two partially funded projects, from Fort Collins and Loveland, could be fully funded from the FY2020-2021 STBG Call for Projects. Additionally, one Greeley project which was waitlisted from the FY2022-2023 Call for Projects could be partially funded with the project sponsor is able to cover the local overmatch. Baxter asked if future additional allocations become available could Greeley’s project be fully funded as opposed to using local overmatch. Schneiders affirmed Greeley would be eligible.

Bornhoft stated the CMAQ allocation proposal impacts three separate Calls for Projects, and is based on the following factors: TAC determination in June 2019 to allocate the additional funding based on the original funding year, a funding shortfall in FY2022 and FY2023, as well as toll credit requests. The additional FY2019 funding could fully fund one project from Greeley Evans Transit (GET) and partially fund one project from City of Loveland Transit (COLT) from the FY2016-2019 Call. The additional FY2020-2021 funding could partially fund one GET project from the FY2020-2021 Call. The funding shortfall in FY2022 would be addressed by advancing one City of Fort Collins project from FY2022 to FY2021. GET has also applied to receive toll credits for local match relief and it is currently unknown if they will be able to match and obligate funds or if they will require toll credits to provide relief for all awards. Baxter noted Greeley will let NFRMPO staff know as soon as possible when they have the answers to the financial questions. Bornhoft noted this item will be taken to Planning Council for discussion prior to TAC acting once these questions are answered.

Bornhoft noted the final deadline for requesting toll credits without a scope change as part of this allocation is September 8, 2020 and TAC agreed to the deadline. Schneiders requested the toll credit process be revisited in six months as the financial impacts of COVID are still evolving. Bornhoft clarified the process is ongoing and can be brought back quarterly if there are pending toll credit requests and available funding, per the local match assistance process.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

Planning Council – Written report was provided.

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – In addition to the written report, Dusil noted the Leadership Team is discussing the feedback received at the July TAC meeting regarding the Call for Projects recommendations and will be bringing refined recommendations back to TAC.

Regional Transit Agencies – Davis reported GET is adding additional buses to their routes in anticipation of schools starting. The Poudre Express will resume service starting Monday, August 24 with six trips a day Monday through Friday.

Kelly reported Transfort Route 33 will resume service starting Monday, August 24 with the start of the CSU semester.

Senior Transportation – Karasko reported the NFRMPO region will receive \$115K in “Transportation for Vulnerable Populations, including Seniors” funding from the State Legislature, which is meant to support Section 5310-eligible agencies. Gordon will be working with the Mobility Committees to identify how this funding will be allocated in the region.

Regional Air Quality Council – Brimmer reported RAQC presented the Serious Ozone SIP to the NFRMPO Planning Council at their August meeting. The Serious Ozone SIP was endorsed by the RAQC Board on August 7 and will be presented to the AQCC later this year. The Mow Down Pollution program is still available online at mowdownpollution.org. EPA proposed they do not plan to revise the ozone standard and will keep it at the level set for 2015. The AQCC is moving forward on the GHG roadmap.

ROUNDTABLE

Karasko reported the NFRMPO is working on hybrid and virtual-only meeting policies. Planning Council may decide to meet as a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting in September. Karasko asked for TAC member input on whether the virtual-only meeting format is preferred or if a hybrid meeting should be pursued. Herrera noted the Windsor Recreation Center is not yet open for in-person meetings. Other TAC members noted the preference to continue virtual TAC meetings for the time being. Karasko and Nelson agreed TAC meetings will be held virtually through the end of 2020.

Guthrie reported Loveland is looking to partner with the NFRMPO and other member communities to celebrate a week in September for using alternative modes of transportation.

Oberschmidt noted Evans awarded the contract for the 37th Street Overlay, construction will be starting in the fall on 23rd Avenue, and 47th Avenue is currently under construction.

Anderson reported Weld County opened the roundabout at WCR 54 and WCR 17. Weld County is working with Severance on the Access Control Plan for the WCR74 corridor.

Schneiders stated CDOT plans to continue working remotely through October and possibly into January.

Baxter reported 65th Avenue at US34 in Greeley remains closed with construction planning to wrap up in September. The 10th Street Access Control project is ongoing.

Herrera reported LCR 5 is shut down for construction through November. Windsor released a bid for trail work on SH392 from Colorado Blvd to 17th Street. Windsor will be holding a kickoff meeting for the 7th Street Multimodal Corridor design project, which was awarded MMOF earlier this year.

Barzak reported Severance released an RFP for the East Harmony Road & 1st Street Corridor Plans and is also working on their Transportation and Comprehensive Plan updates.

Coffin noted the CEO of CDPHE will present an update on the GHG Roadmap during an upcoming AQCC meeting (the October 15, 2020 meeting, as clarified by email to TAC members). The Commission tentatively plans to consider transportation-related regulatory requirements at the July 2021 AQCC meeting.

Bornhoft stated she will be emailing project sponsors for this year's TIP delay which will be discussed at the September TAC Meeting.

Cunningham requested any TAC members who are interested in having a project spotlight in the next On the Move newsletter to contact her.

Dusil mentioned the celebration of alternative modes program that will be starting and stated he will be reaching out to TAC members to help promote the program.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – Karasko identified the Call for Projects guidebook recommendations, TIP Amendment, TIP project delay review, and Local Match Assistance Project Swap discussion as topics for the next TAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 as a virtual meeting.