

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

Virtual Meeting

November 18, 2020

1:01 – 2:39 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Klockeman, Past Chair – Loveland
Dawn Anderson – Weld County
Abdul Barzak – Severance
Allison Baxter – Greeley
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Karen Schneiders – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

Medora Bornhoft
AnnaRose Cunningham
Ryan Dusil
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Tracy, Vice Chair – Larimer County
Marco Carani – Johnstown
Mitch Nelson, Chair – Severance
Jeff Schreier – Eaton
Town of LaSalle
Ranae Tunison – FTA

IN ATTENDANCE:

Darren Davis – GET
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Josie Hadley – CDOT
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Katlyn Kelly – Transfort
Katrina Klobberdanz – CDOT
Jake O’Neal - CDOT
Randy Ready - Evans
Bryce Reeves - CDOT

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2020 TAC MINUTES

Buckman moved to approve the October 21, 2020 TAC minutes. Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Updated Federal Performance Measures: Pavement Condition, FY2021 UPWP Tasks Amendment, & FY2020 TIP Delay Review – Oberschmidt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Baxter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

November TIP Amendment – Bornhoft outlined the November 2020 Amendment, which included two requests from the City of Fort Collins to revise the *FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP). The 30-day public comment period opened on November 11, 2020 and no comments have been received to date. Buckman moved to approve the November TIP Amendment. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION

37th Street Widening Project Scope Changes – Bornhoft stated the City of Evans is requesting a change to their STBG-funded project and requested TAC consider the reasonableness and eligibility of the proposed project. In addition, Bornhoft requested TAC decide if the project updates should be taken to Planning Council for approval. Oberschmidt presented the proposed scope change, including removing federal funding for a portion of the project, which will then be completed using local funds and applying the \$1,118,565 of STBG funds to complete a double-lane roundabout project at 37th Street and 47th Avenue.

Anderson asked for clarification on the timeline. Oberschmidt stated the scope change would allow the roundabout to be completed in 2022 and the widening project to be completed in 2023. Baxter asked for clarification on the disadvantages listed in the AIS. Bornhoft explained another option for this project would be for Evans to return the funds to the pool, at which point the funds would become available for partially funded or waitlisted projects from the 2018 Call for Projects. Bryce Reeves, CDOT, asked for clarification on the purpose of the scope change. Oberschmidt explained completing the roundabout in 2022 would allow for construction to tie in with current construction on 47th Avenue and address current congestion issues at the intersection. TAC expressed support for the scope change but determined Evans should present the project update to the Planning Council.

Premium Transit Analysis Update – Gordon presented an update on the status of the Premium Transit Analysis, which was approved by Planning Council in February 2020 using Multimodal Options Funds. Gordon outlined the Scope of Work, the proposed corridors, and expected deliverables. Staff has drafted an RFP for a consultant which will, upon review by the NFRMPO Finance Team, be released for six weeks. Klockeman asked who will be included on the Advisory Committee once the project is underway. Gordon answered it will be comprised of representatives from the transit agencies and interested planners and engineers from surrounding communities. Anderson asked who will be on the RFP Scoring Committee, Gordon stated it is currently representatives from Fort Collins, Windsor, and Greeley and NFRMPO staff. TAC members asked to review the RFP prior to release and to be included in the creation of an advisory group for the project.

2017-2021 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Cunningham presented 2017-2021 Targets set by CDOT in August 2020 for the five federally required Safety Performance Measures. The NFRMPO has the option to support statewide targets or set targets specific to the region. As requested during the setting of the 2016-2020 targets, Cunningham presented actual fatality and serious injury numbers for the NFRMPO and the State along with optional region-specific targets and outlined the advantages and disadvantages for both options. Klockeman asked if the NFRMPO must provide proof of how we will achieve statewide targets. Cunningham clarified when supporting statewide targets, the NFRMPO is agreeing to plan and program

projects that will contribute to the achievement of statewide targets. The TAC expressed support for endorsing the State targets as has been done previously.

Call for Projects Improvements Survey Results – Bornhoft presented the results from the survey TAC members completed following the discussion at the October TAC meeting. The purpose of the survey was to identify barriers communities faced in previous calls for projects and to identify improvements, which can be made to the next Call for Project process. Bornhoft identified which options provided in the survey should be carried forward into the Draft Call for Projects Guidebook based on survey results and staff recommendations.

Baxter asked if the Guidebook was revised during each Call for Projects. Bornhoft explained the Call for Projects process is approved prior to each Call to ensure regional priorities are being addressed but this update is more in depth due to the amount of feedback received following the most recent Call. Klockeman noted the need get input from Planning Council members to ensure their concerns are being addressed. Bornhoft noted staff is recommending taking the Draft Guidebook to Planning Council for review in mid-2021 to be closer to when the Call will open. Bornhoft noted TAC members could discuss it with their Council representatives to help inform future TAC discussions. Anderson noted the option of the STBG set aside would be a decision by Council and may need to be discussed by Council before moving forward. Klockeman recommended sending a survey to Council in the first quarter of 2021 to get their input. Mallette and Bornhoft agreed to bring a Discussion Item on the Call for Projects Improvements to Planning Council in Q1 2021 and gather input during the meeting rather than emailing a survey.

Bornhoft asked if TAC had interest in pursuing one of the suggestions from the survey to use federal funds to pay consultants to review and score the projects. Klockeman responded Council has previously rejected that proposal.

The next Call for Projects is currently anticipated to happen in mid- to late-2021.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

Regional Transit Agencies – Davis responded GET service is running as normal, but most surrounding schools are remote learning.

Senior Transportation – Gordon reported the NFRMPO has hired a Mobility Manager who will be starting December 1. The NFRMPO sponsored an ADA training, which addressed what ADA means in the time of COVID. The training was recorded and is posted on the NFRMPO’s YouTube page. On December 3, the Mobility and Access Priority Group will be holding a training with Dementia Together.

Regional Air Quality Council – Brimmer provided an update on the Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP), which is going through the public hearing process currently. An alternative proposal was provided to reduce the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEB) by 25 percent, the NFRMPO requested late party status but was denied so will instead provide testimony along with DRCOG as a witness for the RAQC. Other alternative proposals were to include all of Weld County in the nonattainment area, voluntarily reclassify the region to Severe status, disapproval of the attainment demonstration, and disapproval of some contingency measures. The RAQC is coordinating with NFRMPO staff on the impacts to federal funding and transportation projects if the MVEBs were reduced thereby causing a conformity lapse. Rebuttal statements are due December 2 and the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) hearing is December 16-18.

Reports

Planning Council – Written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Anderson reported Weld County’s Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan have been approved. The functional classification map has had some changes and will be updated on the website soon. Approved land use code changes included new criteria for subdivisions and no recorded exemptions.

Oberschmidt reported Evans is finishing the 37th Street Overlay project and will be completing the 23rd Avenue Extension in early December.

Klockeman noted Loveland will be completing their street, bike and pedestrian, and transit plans in the first or second quarter of 2021. The stakeholder committee will be meeting again in December.

Barzak reported Severance is working on their Transportation Master Plan and will have public open houses soon.

Cunningham informed TAC that the next newsletter will include an update to the online construction map. Emails will be sent out soon to request construction project updates for January through June 2021.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions – Karasko stated next month’s agenda will include the Safety Performance Measures and the Election of the 2021 TAC officers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

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