

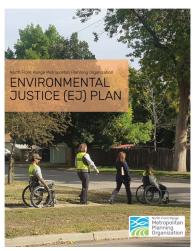
MOBILITY COORDINATION

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

New EJ Plan to guide NFRMPO policy

The NFRMPO has undertaken a new Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan, which will help guide the NFRMPO's policy to better include low-income and minority residents.

Through the EJ Plan process, NFRMPO staff expects to implement more equity-based principles into its planning process, improve the public outreach program, and ensure marginalized populations can have a



stronger representation in the transportation planning process. The <u>EJ Plan</u> is expected to be completed by the end of 2020 and act as a guidance document for local and regional agencies.

STC now MAPG

The Senior Transportation Coalition (STC) has changed its name to the Mobility and Access Priority Group (MAPG), to represent its relationship with the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC). While the STC had operated under the guidance of PAFC, the naming convention caused some confusion. In addition, the new MAPG will also expand its focus to include outreach and education for older adults and individuals with disabilities, tying into the work being done for the One Call/One Click Center project.

NADTC grant helps boost Find My Ride

As part of a pilot project for the Every Ride Counts campaign, the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center purchased ads on various media to promote the Find My Ride tool in Northern Colorado. Throughout the pilot, ads were placed on billboards in Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley; movie screens; radio stations, including KUNC; social media, like Facebook and Instagram; and on buses within the region. With this effort, average visits to the Find My Ride Tool increased from around 50 in January 2019 to more than 1,000 in January 2020. NFRMPO staff received about 5 calls and Facebook messages as well.

GCI receives new van

The NFRMPO and the Greeley Center for Independence (GCI) applied for and received funding to purchase a wheelchair-accessible vehicle through the FY2019 Consolidated Capital Call for Projects. The van was awarded FTA §5310 funds and is an upgraded Dodge Caravan.

The new van was delivered in February 2020, has space for two wheelchairs with an electronic ramp, and will provide more mobility options for GCI's clients throughout Weld County. The new vehicle has already started providing service, opening up new options for Weld County residents in need.



Multimodal Options Funds Awarded

As part of SB18-001 (SB1), the NFRMPO region received more than \$5 Million in Multimodal Options Funds. Eligible projects were expected to focus on improving mobility for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and providing more safe routes to school. Project types include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transit operating and capital projects, and multimodal studies and technology.

Eight communities in Larimer County and Weld County as well as the NFRMPO applied for and received funding. Transfort received funding for an additional compressed national gas (CNG) as well as funding to do design work for the West Elizabeth Bus Rapid Transit service. The NFRMPO received funding for the One Call/One Click Center and a Premium Transit Analysis. Bicycle and pedestrian projects connected schools and the future Loveland Transit Center to the existing sidewalk and trail network.

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What is the Mobility Coordination Program?— Mobility Coordination program activities are centered on education and cooperative resource-sharing to use existing transportation dollars most efficiently. NFRMPO Examples include travel training, cooperative research, public forums, program implementation, FTA grant administration and public education. The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program is funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5310 funds. Funding has been secured for §5310 funds from both CDOT for Weld County and Fort Collins on behalf of the Fort Collins-Loveland-Berthoud TMA.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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Committee Members

Larimer County M	obility Committee
Arc of Larimer County	Berthoud Area Transportation System
Rural Alternative for Transportation	City of Loveland Transit
CO Division of Voc. Rehab	Elderhaus
Foothills Gateway	Heart&SOUL Paratransit
LC Department of Health and Environment, Built Environment	LC Office on Aging
LC Workforce Center	SAINT
Transfort	NADTC Expert Panel

Weld County Mo	bility Committee
Arc of Weld County	CO Division of Voc. Rehab
Connections for Independent Living/WAND	Envision Colorado
Greeley Evans Transit	North Range Behavioral Health
Senior Resource Services	Sunrise Community Health
United Way of Weld County	

For additional meeting details including agendas, notes & meeting location, visit nfrmpo.org/mobility.