

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—AGENDA January 21, 2021 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

> Call-in information: (312) 757-3121 Code: 854-584-525

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions
- 2. Review of Agenda
- 3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 4. Approval of November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS

1) Transfort Russo

Updates about paratransit, fixed-route services, upcoming projects, etc.

ACTION ITEMS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Vaccination Discussion Bouchard/All

Coordinating rides for individuals in need of vaccines

2) 2021 Work Plan and Elections Gordon

Identifying priority projects/efforts and discussions of an Executive Committee

MOBILITY MANAGER UPDATE

1) Website and marketing update

LCMC MEMBER REPORTS

- 5. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 6. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 7. Next LCMC Meeting: March 18, 2021



Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES November 19, 2020 1:33 p.m. – 2:38 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Anna Russo, Chair, Transfort
- Jim Becker, Citizen
- April Christensen, Sanjoy Foundation
- Jody Dettmer-Johnson, Division of Vocational Rehab
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- NFRMPO staff: Alex Gordon
- 2. Review of Agenda
- 3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

No public comment received.

4. Approval of September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Russo moved to approve the meeting minutes. Nelson-Cleverley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1) SAINT (Nelson-Cleverley) – Nelson-Cleverley described SAINT, a volunteer transportation service in Fort Collins and Loveland. The organization provides rides to adults over 60 as well as adults with a disability who cannot drive. SAINT focuses on transportation, and riders must be ambulatory. Four people support the agency, including the Executive Director, Volunteer Coordinator, and two schedulers. Drivers go through a criminal background check before becoming a driver.

Prior to COVID, SAINT was averaging 30,000 rides per year, and is currently operating at 40 to 45 percent capacity. COVID precautions include having the schedulers work from home, requirements of wearing masks for drivers and riders, keeping windows open as weather allows, cleaning between riders, and having riders sit in the back when appropriate.

Rides are provided on a first-come, first serve basis, meaning rides are not prioritized. Medical trips and trips to the senior center are historically the most popular reasons for travel, but social trips are also popular. Nelson-Cleverley noted SAINT's success is dependent on good communication between the organization, drivers, and riders.

Kelly asked to clarify SAINT's service area. SAINT serves between I-25, SH392, Horsetooth, and the north side of Fort Collins, and I-25, SH402, 57th St, and the west side of Loveland. Christensen noted

- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
- Vanessa Solesbee, Town of Estes Park
- Bridie Whaley, COLT



she has been approached about volunteering and asked how to send volunteers to SAINT. Nelson-Cleverley said she and Christensen can work together on that.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2) Sanjoy Foundation April Christensen from the Sanjoy Foundation explained her organization's purpose, focusing on supporting adults with cancer through grants, gifts, and connections. Transportation has been highlighted as a major gap for cancer patients. Christensen has been working with Banner Health and UCHealth to identify the largest needs. The American Cancer Society usually provides volunteer transportation, but this program has been on hold because of COVID. Instead, the ACS is providing grants instead. Sanjoy wants to foster relationships, like connecting patients to insurance brokers, local businesses, social workers, etc. Sanjoy is focusing on Larimer and Weld counties before expanding. SAINT, Transfort, COLT, and Estes Transit explained their existing transportation programs, including how to apply for conditional paratransit. More information about the Sanjoy Foundation is available at https://sanjoy.org/.
- 3) Coordinated Plan Gordon reviewed the purpose and reasons for the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan, including existing services and mobility gaps. Solesbee identified transportation costs, service reliability, and the ill impacts of social isolation on mental health as major gaps/issues needing to be addressed. Becker noted the first mile/last mile connections and the needs for transfers/connections as barriers to transportation. People living outside of service areas have few options. The group noted the importance of working together to advocate for improvements. Solesbee noted the importance of bringing in the healthcare industry for these discussions because they are aware of more funding and gaps. The group noted the ADA training and Dementia Training and wanted to do more trainings in the future.
- **4)** One Call/One Click Center update Gordon stated the Mobility Manager has been hired and starts on December 1. Gordon will introduce him to community partners to help him get acquainted.

LCMC MEMBER REPORTS

- Nelson-Cleverley stated SAINT is starting to feel more COVID impacts.
- Limoges noted she is in week two at the Office on Aging, and the LCOA is hiring another Program Coordinator.
- Kelly noted Transfort will be reducing service because CSU and PSD are going back to virtual classes. The Route 19 will start on Monday, November 23.
- Russo noted Transfort is limiting the number of people on the bus to 50 percent.
- Solesbee reported Estes Park is doing a winter service pilot with its new electric trolley. A second trolley is being ordered. The electric trolleys have reduced fuel costs and emissions. Estes Park received a grant for facility expansion, providing two new bays for the vehicles.
- Whaley stated two new COLT buses will go into service in the next few weeks. The new buses will have bike racks with space for three bikes instead of two currently. COLT has also reduced capacity to 50 percent on buses. COLT is in the process of ordering new buses, including CNG buses.

5. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)



6. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

Russo stated she can present about Transfort at the next meeting. The group will meet the new Mobility Manager.

7. Next LCMC Meeting: January 21, 2021

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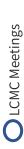
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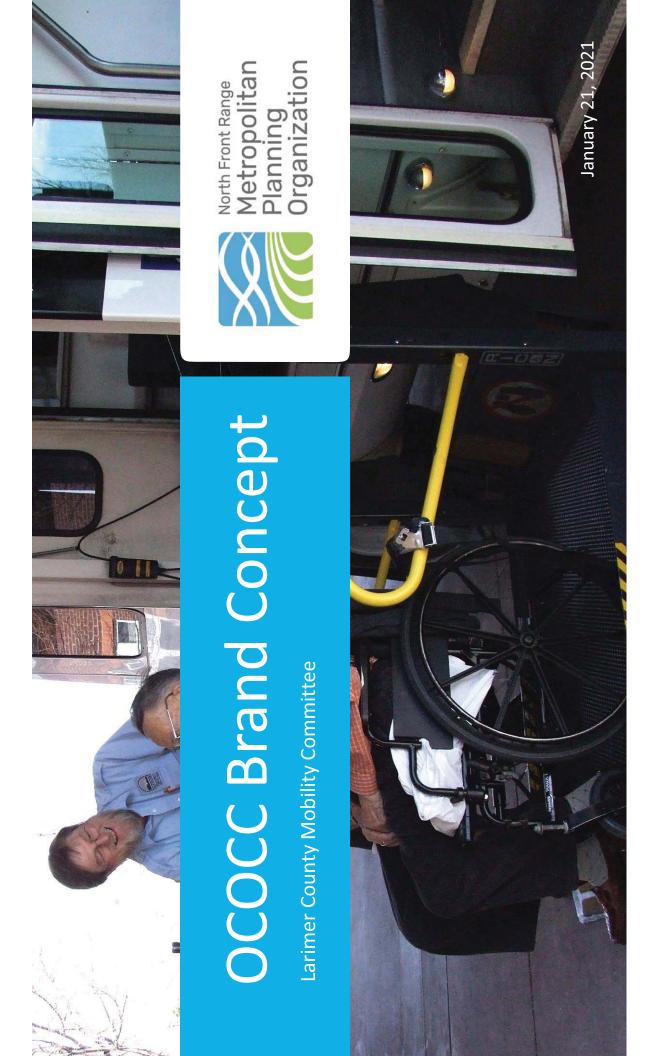
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Mobility and Access Priority Group

WCMC Meetings





RideNoCo

- RideNoCo emphasizes the focus of the mobility program to help more individuals find rides to the destinations they want and need to go to in Northern Colorado and beyond.
- Ride centers the movement itself and not the type of service being provided (volunteer driver, fixed route bus, taxi, Uber/Lyft, paratransit, etc.)
- NoCo frames the regional focus and vision of the program and is inclusive of communities in both Larimer & Weld Counties.



RideNoCo: Connecting You and Northern Colorado



RideNOCO Connecting You & Northern Colorado





- Connecting You and Northern Colorado embodies the two overarching goals of the program:
- Improving individual mobility,
 particularly for vulnerable groups such
 as older adults, individuals with
 disabilities, lower income individuals,
 and people who do not speak English as
 a first language.
- 2. Improving **regional mobility** through enhanced coordination and collaboration among regional public and private transportation providers, particularly in rural areas of Larimer & Weld Counties.