## Executive Summary of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Advisory Committee

May 11, 2021

**Attendees:** Louisa Andersen, Doran Azari, Jamie Baker Roskie, Erin Berquist, Kevin Borchert, Doug Campbell, AnnaRose Cunningham, Ryan Dusil, Alex Gordon, Sam Houghteling, Anna Kelso, Amber Lane, Diego Lopez, Eddie Mirick, Kathleen Mitchell, Cliff Moore, Jack Paschke, Hunter Rivera, Ruthie Rollins, Greta Steber, Gary Strome

## What is the MPO?

Cunningham presented on the purpose of the NFRMPO, its plans and programs, and the member agencies. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members asked:

- How are plans incorporated by local communities? What does compliance with NFRMPO plans look like? The TAC provides technical comments on NFRMPO plans and programs, which must be adopted by the Planning Council. In addition, any project wishing to receive federal transportation funding must be included in the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- What does NFRMPO staff want from the Community Advisory Committee?
   This item was addressed more in the following agenda item. Ideally, the CAC would provide input throughout development of plans and projects and help expand the network of people who also provide comments on plans and projects.

## What is the Community Advisory Committee?

Gordon discussed the NFRMPO proposal for the CAC, which included bi-monthly meetings and input throughout the process rather than just at the approval stage. The CAC members suggested the following:

- Subcommittees to balance out a larger group and to delve deeper into specific topics;
- Follow up on Environmental Justice and how this group may assist in meeting goals;
- Acknowledging and learning more about indigenous rights and how these may be incorporated into regional plans and projects;
- Developing a communications plan, especially focusing on diversity, inclusion, and equity;
- Creating an organizational chart to help understand the NFRMPO and its relationships/partnerships with different organizations and agencies around the region and state; and
- Defining what success of the group looks like.

NFRMPO staff will take the suggestions and work on a proposal to send to the group to help identify the purpose, frequency, and makeup of the CAC.

## **Active Transportation Plan**

Dusil presented on the <u>Active Transportation Plan</u> (ATP), explaining the current conditions, what outreach has been done, what corridors were studied, and recommendations for implementation and further development. The group discussed whether renaming trails and acknowledging the tribal lands/culture of the region could help with grants, how ADA standards relate to wayfinding on trails, upcoming changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and upcoming state and federal transportation legislation. The ATP will be released for public comment on May 12, and Dusil will send an email to the group with more information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The next meeting date will be decided by the group via follow-up survey.