

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)—AGENDA September 9, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

> Call-in information: (571) 317-3112 Code: 194-437-133

https://www.gotomeet.me/NFRMPO/nfrmpo-community-advisory-committee

# 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions

### 2. Review of Agenda and Previous Meeting Notes

1) Ride NoCo

Presentation on the NFRMPO Mobility Program and One Call/One Click Center

Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO Mobility Manager

Hanna Johnson, NFRMPO Mobility Coordinator

2) Coordinated Plan Update

Presentation and discussion by Gordon on the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan

3) Link NoCo

Presentation from Gordon on the NFRMPO Premium Transit Analysis Alex Gordon, Transportation
Planner III

3. CAC Subcommittee Reports

Long Range Planning Subcommittee

4. Next Meeting Agenda Topic Suggestions

Staff Suggestion: Air Quality

5. Upcoming Meetings:

Outreach and Inclusive Planning Subcommittee: October 14, 2021

Community Advisory Committee: November 11, 2021

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

August 12, 2021

Attendees: Louisa Andersen, AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon, Kathleen Mitchell, Cliff Moore, Gary Strome

### What is the RTP?

Gordon presented an overview of the <u>Regional Transportation Plan</u> (RTP) is, highlighting that it is federally required to be updated every four years with a minimum 20-year planning horizon. The upcoming update to the <u>RTP</u> is scheduled to kick off in October 2021 and be adopted in September 2023. Gordon outlined the structure of the RTP, the timeline for plan development, and the associated plans which will be adopted during the development of the RTP.

The first step in <u>RTP</u> development is outlining the value statement and goals which will guide the plan. The value statement and goals are intended to reflect the priorities of the region and the group discussed how multimodal priorities are leveraged against available funding and local needs. Gordon presented an overview of how the RTP will be organized and stated this plan will focus on trends; what the transportation system looks like now and what the transportation will look like in the future. The group expressed support for focus areas such as safety, incident management, resiliency, initiatives, and technology.

### Role of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee?

Gordon stated the vison for the Long Range Planning Subcommittee is to help refine the values and goals to help identify regional priorities and to provide input on topics people in the community would like to focus as well as helping identify how outreach can be conducted during the development of the plan.

### Outreach

Gordon outlined the four proposed phases of outreach for the RTP: Goal and Problem Identification, Goal Ranking and Corridor Visions, Scenarios and Projects, and Education. Further discussion of outreach tools and methods will take place at later Long Range Planning and Outreach and Inclusive Planning Subcommittee meetings.

### **Next Steps**

NFRMPO staff will create a Google Document identifying the values and goals for the Subcommittee to provide detailed feedback on. The Document will be sent out the week of August 16 giving the Subcommittee three weeks prior to the next Community Advisory Committee to provide feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. The next Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held on September 9, 2021.

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

July 8, 2021

**Attendees:** Louisa Andersen, Jamie Baker Roskie, Erin Berquist, Kevin Borchert, Kathleen Bracke, AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon, Andy Karsian, Anna Kelso, Amber Lane, Diego Lopez, Kathleen Mitchell, Cliff Moore, Hunter Rivera, Ruthie Rollins, Gary Strome

### **Transportation Commission**

Kathleen Bracke, Transportation Commissioner, presented on the purpose of the 11-member Colorado Transportation Commission (TC). She represents District 5, which includes Larimer, Weld, and Morgan counties. Commissioners apply for the four-year position, which is approved by the Governor. Each month, the TC holds a regular meeting as well as a workshop. TC guides policy for CDOT based on the Statewide Transportation Plan.

### **SB260 and Colorado Transportation Funding**

Andy Karsian, CDOT State Government Liaison, described the State funding available for CDOT to use for maintenance and expansion. CDOT staff undertakes maintenance of the State transportation system as well as engineering. CDOT staff does not construct new facilities; rather, this is performed by private companies hired by CDOT. Funding for transportation has had to compete with other important priorities like healthcare and education, meaning CDOT has had difficulty planning long-term and addressing a backlog of needs. This was exacerbated by the pandemic, which curtailed available funding.

Senate Bill (SB) 21-260 passed the General Assembly this summer, leading to nearly \$5.4B in new funding over the next 10 years. This new funding will be collected through new fees and will support four new enterprises. SB21-260 also mandates additional planning requirements for CDOT and MPOs and requires additional outreach to vulnerable populations.

The CAC asked questions about new and changing technology, training related to electrification, resiliency, differences between urban and rural priorities and available services, and alternative fuels like compressed natural gas (CNG). The group was interested in discussing these further in the future.

### **Subcommittees**

Cunningham proposed three long-term subcommittees for the CAC as well as a short-term subcommittee: Long Range Planning, Outreach and Inclusive Planning, and Active and Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Transportation; and Call for Projects. The groups would meet quarterly and would report back to the full CAC with what they discussed and addressed in their meetings. Each subcommittee should be between 5 and 8 people to ensure good and useful conversation. Cunningham will send out a Google Form for people to use to sign up for subcommittees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting date will be September 9.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

# September

Event	Date	Time	Location	Link
NFRMPO Planning Council	September	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/planning-council-
	2, 2021			meeting-18/
NoCo Bike & Ped	September	10:00 a.m. –	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/noco-2021-09-08/
Collaborative	8, 2021	12:00 p.m.		
Community Advisory	September	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/community-advisory-
Committee (CAC)	9, 2021			committee-cac-3/
Loveland Transportation	September	4:00 p.m. – 6:00	Loveland Municipal Building,	https://www.lovgov.org/Home/Components/Calendar
Advisory Board	13, 2021	p.m.	Parks and Recreation	/Event/95803/1023
			Conference Room, 500 E. 3rd	
			St. Loveland, CO 80537	
EV Ride and Drive at the	September	8:00 a.m. –	Union Pacific Depot, 902 7 <sup>th</sup>	https://northerncocleancities.org/events-2/current-
Greeley Farmers' Market	11, 2021	12:00 p.m.	Ave, Greeley, CO 80631	events/
NFRMPO Technical Advisory	September	1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/tac-2-2021-09-15/
Committee	15, 2021			
Fort Collins Transportation	September	6:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/transportation.php
Board	15, 2021			
Larimer County Mobility	September	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/larimer-county-mobility-
Committee	16, 2021			committee-20/
Bicycle-Friendly Driver	September	12:00 – 1:15	Virtual	https://www.bicyclecolorado.org/initiatives/bike-
Webinar	21, 2021	p.m.		school/
Colorado Bike to Work Day	September	All Day	Various Locations Statewide	https://biketoworkday.co/
	22, 2021			
National Drive Electric Week	September	All Day	TBD	https://driveelectricweek.org/
	25 –			
	October 3,			
	2021			
Greeley Citizen	September	3:00 p.m. – 4:30	Virtual	https://greeleygov.com/government/b-c/boards-and-
Transportation Advisory	27, 2021	p.m.		commissions/all
Board (CTAB)				
Greenhouse Gas Pollution	September	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Virtual</u> & Christ United	https://www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/gre
Reduction for	30, 2021		Methodist Church	enhousegas/publichearing
Transportation Planning			301 East Drake Rd.	
Public Rulemaking Hearing			Fort Collins, CO 80525	

# October

Event	Date	Time	Location	Link
Loveland Transportation	October 4,	4:00 p.m. – 6:00	Loveland Municipal Building,	https://www.lovgov.org/Home/Components/Calendar
Advisory Board	2021	p.m.	Parks and Recreation	/Event/95803/1023
			Conference Room, 500 E. 3rd	
			St. Loveland, CO 80537	
Greenhouse Gas Pollution	October 5,	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Virtual & Weld County	https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-
Reduction for	2021		Southwest Service Complex	<u>rules</u>
Transportation Planning			4209 County Road 24 1/2	
Public Rulemaking Hearing			Firestone, CO 80504	
Transfort Travel Training	October 6,	11:00 a.m.	Virtual	https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/eb186f
	2021			<u>b4-3387-4d41-8fcb-fccfd7012728</u>
Mobility and Access Priority	October 7,	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/mobility-and-access-
Group	2021			priority-group-stc-5/
NFRMPO Planning Council	October 7,	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Virtual & Fort Collins Utility	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/planning-council-
	2021		Building – Colorado River	meeting-17/
			Room 222 LaPorte Ave, Fort	
			Collins, CO 80521	
NoCo Bike & Ped	October 13,	10:00 a.m. –	Virtual & Windsor Recreation	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/noco-2021-10-13/
Collaborative	2021	12:00 p.m.	Center - Buckeye/Redwood	
			Room, 250 11th St	
			Windsor, CO 80550	
CAC – Outreach & Inclusive	October 14,	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/community-advisory-
Planning Subcommittee	2021			committee-cac-4/
NFRMPO Technical Advisory	October 20,	1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Virtual & Windsor	https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/tac-2-2021-10-20/
Committee	2021		Community Recreation	
			Center 250 11 <sup>th</sup> St. Windsor,	
			CO 80550	
Fort Collins Transportation	October 20,	6:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/transportation.php
Board	2021			





# **Mobility Committees**





The NFRMPO convenes two mobility committees that meet every other month to guide the mobility program and enhance coordination among public transit and human service transportation providers and other stakeholders:

### • Larimer County Mobility Committee

- Chairs:
  - Ruth Fletcher-Carter, Berthoud Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT)
  - Connie Nelson-Cleverley, Senior Alternatives in Transportation (SAINT)
- Weld County Mobility Committee
  - Chairs:
    - Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride of Weld County
    - Celeste Ewert, Envision Community Center Board

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# Metropolitan Via Mobility Pilot Planning Organization New Communities Served: Draft Service Area of the Southern Weld and Larimer County Mobility Pilot Project Berthoud Fort Lupton Gilcrest Johnstown Lochbuie Mead Milliken Platteville **Destinations:** • Brighton Boulder County · Greeley-Loveland Non-Weld County Municipality Community Advisory Committee-September 2021 County Boundary Weld County

# Milestones: One Call/One Click Center



- Fall 2019: Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan
- January 2020: NFRMPO Planning Council dedicates funding to One Call/One Click Center
- December 2020: Mobility Manager hired
- February 2021: Soft launch to support access to COVID vaccines
- May 2021: Mobility Coordinator hired
- June 2021: RideNoCo brand unveiled
- August 2021: Website and Call Center officially launched

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# Milestones: Technical Assistance



- **January 2020:** Greeley Center for Independence (Adeo) receives new vehicle to transport residents and clients
- January 2021: Envision receives new vehicle to transport clients
- **April-December 2021:** Partnership with Via Mobility on pilot expansion into rural southwestern Weld and southeastern Larimer counties
- Fall 2021: Supporting start up of transportation service between Red Feather Lakes and Fort Collins
- **Spring 2022:** Town of Milliken to receive new vehicle to transport older residents to and from Senior Center and other destinations

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# Connecting You & Northern Colorado



### **Connecting You & Northern Colorado**

embodies the two overarching goals of the program:

- 1. 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, especially in rural areas of Larimer & Weld counties.



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# Connecting You & Northern Colorado



# RideNoCo is a system that:



Is **simple** for anyone to easily find information about available transportation options

The vision of RideNoCo is to develop a coordinated system that schedules rides across multiple providers with seamless and accessible options for users.



Has **robust financial capabilities** related to trip costs, trip payment, invoicing, and eligibility



Provides and shares accurate information to allow for data-driven decisions





**Empowers and enables providers** to share trips to make the best use of vehicles and provide more rides

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# Connecting You & Northern Colorado







- **Goal 1:** Make it easier for people to find out what services are available.
- Goal 2: Market the mobility management program and the importance of transportation options.
- Goal 3: Support the ability of existing providers to provide efficient and coordinated services.
- Goal 4: Develop a mobility management program that brings value to the region and is sustainable.
- Goal 5: Implement a One Call/One Click Center for Northern Colorado.

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# A Phased Approach



# Phase 1 2021

Phase 2 2022

Phase 3 2023

### Website + Call Center

- Introduction of RideNoCo
- Central hub to identify transportation options across region and beyond

### **Trip Discovery**

- Ability to find and plan trips on public transit and human service providers in region
- Utilizing GTFS-Flex technology

### Trip Dispatching

- Find, plan, and book ride in one place across multiple providers
- Flexibility for transportation providers to schedule riders across different agencies

Ongoing-Data Collection: Where are mobility needs being met and where do gaps remain?

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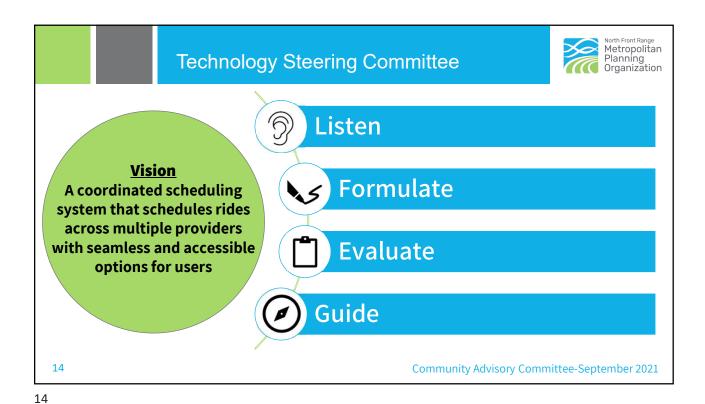
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# Metropolitan Planning Organization Phase 2: Trip Discovery • RFP to be released late August 2021 • Building a custom trip-planning tool Find and plan trips on RideNoCo website • With public and human service Phase 2 transportation providers 2022 Utilizing GTFS-Flex Technology • Allows demand-response services to be incorporated Complements CDOT's Connected Colorado project 12 Community Advisory Committee-September 2021

# Phase 3: Trip Dispatching • Take lessons learned from regional peers • Incorporate best practices from past efforts • Empower providers and riders • Find, book, and pay for ride in one place • Form Technology Steering Committee • Arrive at a system that meets the wants and needs of providers Community Advisory Committee-September 2021



# **Timeline: Steering Committee**



- Fall 2021: Technology Steering Committee members recruited and convened
- Winter 2021/2022: Committee defines scope and objectives for trip scheduling and guides RFP creation
- Spring 2022: RFP released and vendor selected
- Summer 2022: Project underway
- Winter 2022/2023: Scheduling platform debuts



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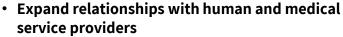
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# Outreach: What We've Heard



- Outreach Tools for Partners
  - Media Toolkit: pre-made materials for easy sharing
- Conduct outreach where people and relationships are:
  - Fairs, farmer's markets, outdoor events
  - Community, recreation, and senior centers
  - Partner with organizations that have strong client relationships



• Some solutions aren't adding transportation service but rather adjusting human and medical services (locations, times, scheduling, etc.)



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# Outreach: Feedback from CAC



### • Outreach Feedback:

- Activities & Strategies
  - Events?
  - Training tools?
  - Ambassador program?
- Stakeholder Identification
  - Expand reach
- Where should we focus efforts?



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# Thank You!



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