

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

Hybrid Meeting

November 17, 2021

1:02 p.m. – 1:53 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mitch Nelson, Chair – Severance
Allison Baxter – Greeley
Jessica Ferko – RAQC
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dave Klockeman – Loveland
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Adam Olinger – Town of Berthoud
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County

NFRMPO STAFF:

Medora Bornhoft
AnnaRose Cunningham
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette
Cory Schmitt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Buckman – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Richard Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Josie Hadley – CDOT
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Town of Eaton
Town of LaSalle
Town of Johnstown
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cassie Archuleta – Fort Collins
Scott Ballstadt – Windsor
Abdul Barzak – Severance
Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Katlyn Kelly – Transfort
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Jan Rowe – CDOT
Carrie Tremblatt – CDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2021 TAC MINUTES

Baxter noted the question during the Call for Projects presentation on right of way (ROW) clearance was not in the minutes and requested NFRMPO Staff make the addition. Relford moved to approve the October 20, 2021 TAC minutes with the Staff revisions. Klockeman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Bornhoft updated the group on the status of the GHG Rulemaking including the comments and public testimony Staff and Council members have made on the rule and noted the public comment period closes at noon on November 18. Staff and the Planning Council Chair provided public testimony at the hearing on November 10. Staff presentations to Planning Council and the written comments the NFRMPO submitted to CDOT are available on the NFRMPO’s website. Mallette noted Mayor Karspeck, the Planning Council Chair, will also be making public comment at the Transportation Commission meeting on November 18. Relford asked to clarify whether the oral comments would be the same as what was in the written comments. Mallette answered it will be a reiteration of the written comments, focusing on the four top concerns agreed upon by Planning Council. Bornhoft noted the interaction between the GHG Rulemaking and the NFRMPO’s current Call for Projects.

Bornhoft reported on behalf of APCD that the Division has a new director, Michael Ogletree, and there will be a website launched in December which can be used by employers in the North Front Range on voluntary Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives.

Ferko reported the RAQC’s Control Strategy Work Groups will be meeting on December 7 and the next Control Strategy Committee meeting will be on December 15. (Note: Following the November 17, 2021, TAC meeting, the Control Strategy Committee meeting on December 15 was cancelled).

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEM

November 2021 TIP Amendment – Cunningham reviewed the revision requests in the November 2021 TIP Amendment, including the addition of five new projects to the CDOT Region 4 Hazard Mitigation (HSIP) pool and the addition of a new project pool for the Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) projects. Baxter moved to approve the November 2021 TIP Amendment to the FY2022-2025 TIP. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION ITEM

NFRMPO 10-Year List – Karasko presented two versions of the Tier 1 list from the 10-Year List of Projects which was approved by the NFRMPO Planning Council in January of 2020 to go into the CDOT 10-Year Plan: one showing some projects removed because of the potential Public/Private Partnership (PPP) on I-25 and one with all projects retained. In both lists, some projects were divided into additional projects based on project sponsor and CDOT Region 4 feedback. The list was discussed at the November 4, 2021 Planning Council meeting where Council Members agreed I-25 and US 34 remained the top regional priorities. The group discussed revising descriptions and funding estimates for projects included in the list. Relford asked how changes to the projects along US 34 being discussed at the US 34 Coalition will affect the list. Mallette clarified specifics of individual projects do not change the priority of the corridor overall, but the focus is on whether projects on the list are still viable. Mallette explained the MPOs and TPRs in CDOT Region 4 will make their project lists, which will funnel into the regional list, to then be incorporated into the Statewide list agreed upon by the Transportation Commission.

Klockeman asked when the next time the list will be updated. Karasko noted a more comprehensive update to the list will be completed for the *2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* where corridor priorities can be reevaluated. Karasko will send an editable project list to TAC members to revise prior to the December Council meeting.

Herrera asked about including SH392 on the list based on Council discussions. Karasko stated changes to the priority corridors could happen during the comprehensive update during the development of the *2050 RTP* but at this time the I-25 and US 34 corridors are still the priority.

PARTNER REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – A written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – None this month.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt gave an update on RideNoCo stating the website has launched and they are proceeding with Phase 2 of the project which will include a custom trip planner. The contract has been received for the procurement of a new minibus for the Town of Milliken Senior Center. The Via Mobility pilot has provided over 200 trips since it began in August, and they are working with partners to find funding to continue the program.

REPORTS

November Planning Council Meeting Summary – A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary – A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Gordon stated Staff is kicking off the Land Use Allocation Model update and will be reaching out to local agencies for land use planning contacts to work on the update.

Cunningham reminded the group of upcoming deadlines for the Call for Projects including the CMAQ emissions worksheets which are due at the end of the day, Staff availability for technical assistance through December 3, and applications due on December 10. Project sponsors will be required to be on the Scoring Committee which will be held mid-December or early January. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to applicants after applications are submitted.

Karasko reported the NFRMPO hired a new planner to fill the current vacancy who will be starting in January and working remotely until May.

Oberschmidt reported work completed on 47th Ave, and the road is scheduled to be open by the end of November. Landscaping and irrigation work will be completed in the Spring of 2022.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions: Klockeman requested information on how the new infrastructure bill will affect local agencies and the NFRMPO.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 as a hybrid meeting.