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NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA November 17, 2021 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
- 2. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 3. Approval of October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Page 2)

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

1) Regional Air Quality Updates

Jessica Ferko, RAQC Rick Coffin, CDPHE-APCD Bornhoft

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

No Items this Month.

ACTION ITEM

1) November 2021 TIP Amendment (Page 6)

Cunningham

PRESENTATIONS

No Items this Month.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2) NFRMPO 10-Year List (Page 10)

Karasko

PARTNER REPORTS

3) NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative (Page 12)

4) Regional Transit Agencies

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7) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary

8) Roundtable

Schmitt

Written Report Handout

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- 4. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 6. Next TAC Meeting: December 15, 2021

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

Virtual Meeting

October 20, 2021 1:02 p.m. – 2:41 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mitch Nelson, Chair – Severance Allison Baxter – Greeley

Brad Buckman – Fort Collins

Aaron Bustow - FHWA

Richard Coffin - CDPHE-APCD

Jessica Ferko – RAQC

Eric Fuhrman – Timnath

Josie Hadley – CDOT

Omar Herrera - Windsor

Dave Klockeman - Loveland

Mark Oberschmidt - Evans

Elizabeth Relford – Weld County

Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO STAFF:

Medora Bornhoft

AnnaRose Cunningham

Alex Gordon

Becky Karasko

Suzette Mallette

Cory Schmitt

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 TAC MINUTES

Relford moved to approve the September 15, 2021 TAC minutes. Klockeman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Bornhoft stated the Planning Council approved the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Budgets comment letter, which was submitted to CDOT. The public comment period has been extended and is now scheduled to close at noon on November 18, 2021 and a revised rule was released yesterday. CDOT will hold an additional rulemaking hearing on November 10, 2021. Many of the comments

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marco Carani – Johnstown Pepper McClenahan – Milliken Adam Olinger – Town of Berthoud Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cassie Archuleta – Fort Collins
Scott Ballstadt – Windsor
Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Caleb Feaver – Fox Tuttle
Daniel Feller – Olsson
Candice Folkers – COLT
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Dan Joseph – Weld County
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Katlyn Kelly – Transfort
Michelle Johnson – GET
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Bryce Reeves – CDOT
Carrie Tremblatt – CDOT

submitted by the NFRMPO were not incorporated into the revised rule and NFRMPO staff will be presenting more information on the revisions to Planning Council at their November meeting. NFRMPO staff is involved in the RAQC's committees to develop strategies for the upcoming State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Alt Fuel Colorado grant opportunity is open through October 29, 2021. Klockeman asked whether NFRMPO staff can provide more information to TAC members on the GHG Rule in between meetings. Bornhoft stated there is an NFRMPO webpage with information at nfrmpo.org/air-quality/ghg-rulemaking and to contact her with any questions. Relford added public comments on the GHG Rule have been uploaded to the State website. Karasko stated she would provide all links shared in the meeting to TAC in a follow up email.

Ferko stated SIP strategy review efforts are underway with two monthly meetings: an overall strategy meeting looking at detailed elements of the SIP as well as a targeted work group meeting for strategies that are more intensive. The meetings are the third Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of each month. Relford asked who is on the local government work group. Ferko stated there were 30 attendees at the last meeting, representing a wide geography. Meetings are open, and TAC members can reach out to Ferko to be added to the mailing list.

Coffin stated the Colorado Energy Office, CDOT, and CDPHE have prepared a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Study. CDPHE will host webinars in November to discuss the study, with the potential adoption of a policy in 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEM

FY2021 TIP Project Delay Review – Cunningham stated Planning Council discussed the delayed TIP projects at their October 7, 2021 meeting. Planning Council discussed granting 2nd extensions to two of the projects with 2nd delays. Commissioner James recommended removing the funds from the *Weld County CNG Vehicles* project due to the suspension of Buy America waivers. Cunningham noted the *Timberline Road Corridor Improvements* project has an updated ad date of October 2021 rather than September 2021. One project has a 1st delay.

Klockeman moved to provide a 1st Extension to the project with a 1st delay and recommend Planning Council provide 2nd Extensions to the two projects with second delays that have provided anticipated ad dates and remove funding from the *Weld County CNG Vehicles* project, returning the funds to the CMAQ pool for allocation by Planning Council. Relford seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

FY2021 Additional CMAQ Allocations – Cunningham stated the *Weld County CNG Vehicles* project would return \$2.2M to be reallocated to other projects. COLT and Transfort stated they could accept further funds to be fully funded as they are partially funded projects from the same Call. The *COLT Diesel Bus Replacement* project would receive an additional \$120k, and the *Transfort CNG Buses* project would receive an additional \$46k. Commissioner James recommended Planning Council allocate the remaining \$2M to the North I-25 project.

Relford asked if the NFRMPO needs a resolution to return the funding, and if so, in what timeframe. Cunningham noted there is no immediate timeline, but a resolution sooner than later would help move start the process more quickly.

Relford moved to recommend Planning Council allocate the additional CMAQ funding to the two partially funded projects from the FY2020-2021 Call for Projects able to accept funding and the remaining funding be allocated to North I-25. Herrera seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Call for Projects – Cunningham noted the 2021 Call for Projects opened on October 8, 2021, and reviewed key dates. CMAQ and ITS Project Descriptions are due on Friday, October 29, 2021, as are the mini-applications for projects that touch CDOT right-of-way (ROW). The Call for Projects awards are scheduled to be approved by Planning Council in March 2022. Cunningham reviewed the available funding by funding type and by year, application reminders, and the resources available on the NFRMPO website. NFRMPO staff is available for technical and application assistance through December 2, 2021. More data that could be useful for applications is available on the NFRMPO website, including 2011-2019 crash data, EJ areas, Communities of Concerns, and Regional Corridors.

Cunningham noted STBG scoring criteria was updated such that Environmental Justice (EJ) is worth seven points and Economic Development is worth eight points. The Partnership scoring definition was updated to note each partner must contribute at least 10 percent of the local match requirement to receive full points, which was the standard used in the 2018 Call for Projects. Cunningham clarified the points are dependent on local match contribution, not just a letter of support. Cunningham reviewed scoring, request limits, and minimum requests for each funding source. Reeves and Cunningham stressed an IGA and Notice to Proceed are required before reimbursement, and Cunningham added that overages are the responsibility of the local government. Reeves asked if projects with overages were eligible for non-MPO funding programs, and Cunningham clarified the restrictions were only for NFRMPO funds. Questions may be sent to a new general email address, planning@nfrmpo.org, which goes to all MPO Planning Staff. Cunningham noted the application PDFs are fillable. Some cells use automatic formulas and she recommended clearing out the total project cost textbox to make sure it has the correct number.

Herrera asked for clarification about what is in the CDOT mini-application. Cunningham explained the application requests a basic description, financial and funding information, milestone dates, and what CDOT support is needed. Folkers asked if bus projects require a mini-application. Cunningham stated only infrastructure projects that touch a State Highway require the application. Cunningham added the CDOT mini-applications should be sent to Josie Hadley with Region 4. Oberschmidt asked about the option to submit a CDOT mini-application for projects that do not touch a State Highway. Cunningham noted that option is available to help project sponsors get additional feedback and develop strong project proposals.

Klockeman asked if there was an option to clarify if a project is scalable in the application. Cunningham noted that could be added for the next Call for Projects, during this call the information can be included in the project description or discussed at the Scoring Committee. Mallette suggested communities should prioritize their projects if they are submitting more than one.

Bryce Reeves, CDOT Region 4, reviewed CDOT's Local Agency Project oversight. The Local Agency Manual was revised in July 2020 and is available on CDOT's website. Reeves advised setting realistic dates for project development and delivery, and to use CDOT Local Agency Coordinators as a resource. Reeves reviewed typical milestones for the preconstruction project schedule. Reeves defined the IGA, which is required for costs to be reimbursed. The IGA provides a fact sheet on the Brooks Act for federal funds reimbursement for design consultant. Reeves highlighted the need to work with utilities and railroads, and to work with CDOT to work through the process. Reeves noted federal funds have specific requirements like NEPA analyses, including Section 4(f) Historic and Parks and Recreation, which is not required for local or State funds. All funding sources have additional shared requirements. Reeves recommended having an environmental scope meeting, providing a scope for consultants to CDOT for review, and identify red flag resources early. Reeves also recommended allocating sufficient local agency staff and resources to manage and document the project.

Reeves stated project sponsors must complete Owner Acceptance testing to do required testing, and that Buy America is required for all steel and iron.

Relford asked if CDOT is changing any requirements for what is considered a corridor for environmental review. Reeves stated he would investigate it and reach back out. Relford asked how CDOT and the NFRMPO will handle GHG requirements in this Call for Projects. Bornhoft noted CDOT's current proposal is that projects that have gone to ad can continue as-is, while projects that have not gone to ad will be subject to the GHG requirements if a region is unable to attain the GHG Reduction Levels. Bornhoft also noted operational improvements and bus replacements currently do not count as GHG reduction measures and would be unable to proceed if the GHG Reduction Levels are not met unless they get a waiver from the Transportation Commission. Oberschmidt asked if there is an inflation rate to use for Year of Expenditure (YOE). Reeves stated he will look into it. Klockeman asked if projects could separate design from construction to avoid missing milestones. Cunningham noted the delay review process considers each discrete phase's milestones to avoid missing associated ad dates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items this month.

PARTNER REPORTS

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

Regional Transit Agencies – No items this month.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt described the background of RideNoCo and demonstrated the <u>rideno.co</u> website. Schmitt noted the NFRMPO recently closed an RFP for the trip discovery tool, which should be completed in summer 2022.

REPORTS

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

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

Q3 TIP Modifications – A written report was provided.

Mobility Updates – A written report was provided.

CDOT Inactives Report - A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Klockeman noted Jeff Bailey retired on October 1, and Alex Donaldson has joined Loveland as a Civil Engineer.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment - There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions: Karasko noted the November agenda will include the November TIP Amendment, a TDM Program Update, Performance Measures and Targets update, and possible TAC member project updates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 as a hybrid meeting.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)



North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meeting Date	Meeting Date Agenda Item						
November 17, 2021	November 2021 TIP Amendment	AnnaRose Cunningham					
Objective/Request Act	ion						
	g Council approve the November 2021 Transportation (TIP) Amendment to the FY2022-FY2025 TIP.	□ Report□ Work Session□ Discussion✓ Action					

Key Points

The November 2021 TIP Amendment includes two revision requests from CDOT Region 4:

- Adding five new projects to the *Region 4 Hazard Elimination Pool (HSIP)* with \$5,845K (\$5,261K Federal/\$287K State/\$297K Local) in FY24.
- Adding new project pool *NFR Revitalizing Main Streets* project with \$5,599K total funding (\$4,519K State/\$1,080K Local) in FY22.

The attached November 2021 Policy Amendment Form provides additional information on each request.

Committee Discussion

This is the first and only time TAC is scheduled to see the November 2021 TIP Amendment.

Supporting Information

The 30-day Public Comment period for the November 2021 TIP Amendment begins on November 10, 2021 and concludes on December 9, 2021.

Funding Types and Uses

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are used to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The **Safer Main Streets (SMS)**, or Revitalizing Main Streets, funding program is part of <u>Colorado's COVID-19 Recovery Plan</u>. The Revitalizing Main Streets Program was made possible through a \$30 million allocation from the state legislature in March 2021. This program is intended to help communities across the state implement transportation-related projects that improve safety and yield long-term benefits to community main streets.

Advantages

• TAC recommending approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the FY2022-2025 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

Disadvantages

• None noted.

Analysis/Recommendation

• Staff supports adding the November 2021 TIP Amendment to the FY2022-2025 TIP.

Attachments

• November 2021 Policy Amendment Form

NFRMPO FY 2022 - FY 2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Policy Amendment #2021-A11

Submitted to: TAC and Planning Council for Review Prepared by: AnnaRose Cunningham DATE: 11/10/2021

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PREVIOUS ENTRY											
Title:	Region 4 Hazard Elimination	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous F	FY 22	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 22-25	Future
	Pool (HSIP)	Fullding Source		Funding	Rolled					TOTAL	Funding
Sponsor:	Various Below	Federal	HSIP	1,463	2,025	1,440	2,300	1,250	1,250	8,265	-
STIP ID:	SR46666	State	SHF	17	_	_	_	-	-	0	-

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Sponsor:	Various Below	Federal	HSIP	1,463	2,025	1,440	2,300	1,250	1,250	8,265	-
STIP ID:	SR46666	State	SHF	17	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
TIP ID:	P-20	Local	L	105	225	160	255	-	-	640	-
Type:	Safety Improvements	Local	LOM	94	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Air Quality:	Exempt from conformity analysis		Total	1,585	2,250	1,600	2,555	1,250	1,250	8,905	-
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Description: Summary of CDOT Region 4 Hazard Elimination Pool in the North Front Range region. Pool projects include:

S	STIP ID	Title	Sponsor
S	SR46666.060	US287 (College Ave) & Trilby Rd	City of Fort Collins
S	SR46666.079	Lemay Ave & Drake Rd	City of Fort Collins
S	SR46666.081	Timberline Rd and Carpenter (SH 392)	City of Fort Collins
S	SR46666.085	Timberline Rd/Lincoln Ave/Mulberry St	City of Fort Collins
S	SR46666.086	US 34 & WCR 17 Traffic Signal Upgrades	City of Greeley
S	SR46666.087	US 85 Business & 8th Ave	City of Greeley
S	SR46666.088	CR 38E & CR 73C	Larimer County
S	SR46666.089	US 34 and Glade Road	Larimer County

REVISED ENTRY

Title:	Region 4 Hazard Elimination Pool (HSIP)	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 22 Rolled	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 22-25 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Various Below	Federal	HSIP	1,463	2,025	1,440	2,300	6,511	1,250	13,526	-
STIP ID:	SR46666	State	SHF	17	-	-	-	287	-	287	-
TIP ID:	P-20	Local	L	105	225	160	255	297	-	937	-
Type:	Safety Improvements	Local	LOM	94	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Air Quality:	Exempt from conformity analysis		Total	1,585	2,250	1,600	2,555	7,095	1,250	14,750	-
Description:	Summary of CDOT Region 4 Haza	ard Elimination Pool	n the North Front Rang	e region. Poo	l projects in	clude:					
	STIP ID	Title				Sponsor					
	SR46666.060	SR46666.060 US287 (College Ave) & Trilby Rd				City of Fort	Collins				
	SR46666.079	Lemay Ave & Drak	e Rd			City of Fort					
	SR46666.081	Timberline Rd and	Carpenter (SH 392)		City of Fort Collins						
	SR46666.085	Timberline Rd/Linc	oln Ave/Mulberry St		City of Fort Collins City of Greeley City of Greeley Larimer County Larimer County City of Greeley City of Greeley City of Loveland						
	SR46666.086	US 34 & WCR 17	Traffic Signal Upgrades								
	SR46666.087	US 85 Business &	8th Ave								
	SR46666.088	CR 38E & CR 73C									
	SR46666.089	US 34 and Glade F	Road								
	SR46666.092	Hwy 34 Business I	ntersection Improveme	nts							
	SR46666.093	Backplate & dilemr	na Zone Detections								
	SR46666.094	Intersections (Ped) Improvements			City of Loveland						
	SR46666.095	Guardrail and HFS	uardrail and HFST			Larimer County					
	SR46666.097	•									
Revision:	Adding five new pool projects with SR46666.093, \$425K for SR4666					n FY24 cons	sisting of \$4	164K for SI	R46666.09	92, \$1,689K	for

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State

NEW ENTRY

Title:	NFR Revitalizing Main Streets	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous	FY22 FY 22	FY 22 FY23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 22-25	Future	
				Funding	Rolled	1 1 22	1123	1124	1123	TOTAL	Funding
Sponsor:	Various Below	State	SMS	-	-	4,519	-	-	-	4,519	-
STIP ID:	SR46000	Local	L	-	-	1,080	-	-	-	1,080	-
TIP ID:	P-26		Total	-	-	5,599	-	-	-	5,599	-

Type: Operations

Air Quality: Exempt from conformity analysis

Description: Summary of CDOT Region 4 NFR Safer Main Streets in the North Front Range Region. Includes the following pool projects:

STIP IDTitleSponsorSR47007.017Berthoud Parkway Trail Gap EliminationTown of BerthoudSR46000.001Center Bikeway Improvements - CSUColorado State UniversitySR47020.037Laporte Ave Improvements - Fishback to SunsetCity of Fort CollinsSR46000.00216th Street Corridor ImprovementsCity of Greeley

Revision: Adding new project pool with \$5,599K (\$4,519K State/\$1,080K Local) in FY22 with two new projects: SR46000.001 (\$581,736 State/\$102,659 Local) and SR46000.002

(\$2,000,000 State/\$500,000 Local) and additional funding for existing projects SR47007.017 (\$500,000 State/\$125,000 Local) and SR47020.037 (\$1,437,500

State/\$352,500 Local)



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Becky Karasko

Date: November 17, 2021

Re: 10-Year Strategic Pipeline of Projects Update

Background

In early 2020, CDOT developed a 10-Year Strategic Pipeline of Projects to create a list of the State's top transportation priorities and provide a living list of projects to incorporate into CDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as the four active fiscal years change as well as the *2045 Statewide Plan*.

To ensure the NFRMPO's regional priorities were reflected in CDOT's list, the NFRMPO prioritized projects in the region. A list of 57 regional projects, along the six regional and statewide significant corridors agreed to by Planning Council, was compiled from a variety of sources, including: the *2045 Regional Transportation Plan*, US85 and US34 PEL studies, the Region 4 2018 Ballot Project List, and from TAC and Planning Council members.

A Work Session to prioritize these projects was held on January 16, 2020. The result of this workshop was a Tier 1 list of projects that was sent to CDOT in January 2020 for incorporation into their 2045 Statewide Plan. Additionally, a Tier 2 and Tier 3 list were created from those projects not selected for the Tier 1 list during the Workshop.

To ensure the Statewide 10-Year list continues to reflect CDOT's priorities and remains a living document, CDOT has begun the process of reviewing the 10-Year Plan. CDOT staff has asked TPRs, MPOs, and CDOT Regions to review their respective lists to ensure any changes to priorities and projects are accurately reflected and that the projects on the list are still the State's top priorities. Working from CDOT's timeline, the deadline for completing this update is January 2022.

NFRMPO staff has reviewed the lists of projects approved by Planning Council in January 2020 and determined none of the NFRMPO 10-Year list projects have been funded or moved forward.

Action

Staff presented the list to Planning Council at their November 4, 2021 meeting to ensure the priority corridors represented in the list remained the region's priorities. With confirmation from Planning Council that these corridors remain the NFRMPO's priorities, Staff is asking TAC members for their input and feedback on the projects in the list to ensure the priorities of the region are reflected in the NFRMPO's list.

Tier 1 Projects As of January 16, 2020

	Rank	Project Name	Project Description	Community	Funding Need
	1	I-25 - WCR38 to SH56	Add tolled express lane in each direction and interchange reconconstructions	Larimer County	\$325.0M
	2	I-25 - Interchange at I-25 /US34 and US34/Centerra	Interchange reconstruction	Loveland	\$171.4M
	3	I-25 - Interchange at I-25/SH14	Interchange reconstruction	Larimer County	\$52.2M
	4	US34 East - US34 and 35th Ave	New interchange	Greeley	\$30.0M
ROADWAY	5	I-25 - SH56 to SH402 (Segment 6)	Widen from 4 to 6 general purpose lanes	Loveland / Johnstown / Berthoud / Larimer County	\$74.0M
٥	6	US34 / US85 - Interchange	Interchange reconfiguration	Greeley	\$170.0M
ğ	7	US34 East - US34 and 47th Ave	New interchange	Greeley	\$30.0M
1"	8	US34 East - US34 and WCR 17	New interchange	Weld County	\$5.0M
	9	US34 West - LCR3 to Centerra Pkwy	Widen from 4 lanes to 6 lanes, addition of bike lanes and sidewalks, and intersection improvements at LCR3 and LCR3E	Loveland / Larimer County / Johnstown	\$26.6M
	10	US34 West - Rocky Mountain Ave to Boise Ave	Widen from 4 lanes to 6 lanes, addition of bike lanes and sidewalks	Loveland	\$19.2M
TRANSIT	1	Loveland to Greeley	New bus service (GET Strategic Plan)	Loveland / Larimer County / Greeley / Weld County	\$1.5M capital / \$1.2M operating
TRAI	2	Eaton to Denver Region	New bus service (N 1-25 EIS)	Eaton / Weld County	\$3.4M capital / \$2.4M operating
	1	RNMC #11: US34 Non-Motorized at Kendall Parkway	Bike lane construction	Loveland / Larimer County / Johnstown	TBD
NON-MOTORIZED	2	RNMC #11: US34 Non-Motorized Trail Construction from Sheep Draw Trail at 95th Avenue to Ashcroft Draw	Trail construction and grade-seperated crossing	Greeley	TBD
ION-MC	3	RNMC #9: Johnstown/Timnath Trail Crossing at County Line Road and SH392	Grade-seperated trail crossing	Windsor / Larimer County	TBD
	4	RNMC #7: Front Range Trail (West) at Boxelder Creek	Grade-seperated trail crossing	Larimer County / Fort Collins	TBD

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, November 10, 2021 GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting

2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Gordon presented the outline, schedule, and structure of the NFRMPO's 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Fodge recommended NoCo devote a future meeting to reviewing Regionally Significant Corridors for known conflicts, challenges, and barriers for active transportation. The goal would be to look at the system holistically and could include mapping projects in community plans, looking at park plans, and focusing on connectivity. Geary asked about equity and EJ, and how that would influence the prioritization of projects in the RTP. The group discussed creating a missing links map, like crossing US85 and 83rd Avenue in Greeley.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Gordon described the current push for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) in the State. The Employer Trip Reduction Plan initiative is mandatory, and many companies are interested in doing things voluntarily. Geary stated Fort Collins is funding Shift Your Ride to create a TDM Plan and potentially a contract employee. Success could be defined using air quality data and mode shifts. The group stressed TDM cannot be one-sized fits all and that benefits need to make sense to each person. Fodge explained the region had the Smart Trips program prior to the 2008 recession, which had staff in Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley. TDM's focus should be on attracting and keeping staff in Northern Colorado. Fodge also explained the commuter tax benefit and bike benefit. Jones asked about the impact of teleworking, and how that might have replaced car trips. The group agreed the programs should support businesses and local communities.

Call for Projects Update

Gordon explained the NFRMPO's Call for Projects is open through the beginning of December, and NFRMPO staff is available to help applicants. Geary noted Fort Collins may expand the scope of the project they presented to NoCo prior to the application. Gordon noted the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) could provide more funding for Transportation Alternatives and also notes requirements for Complete Streets policies. Gordon also highlighted the Transportation Commission is working through the MMOF funding, and there will be a Call for Projects in 2022. More information will follow.

Roundtable Updates

Jones noted the Great Western Trail Authority is aiming to complete the trail by June 2022 after winning a judgment for right-of-way. Another small piece of land is needed, and GWTA is working through that process. There is about 1.5 miles of trail to be completed, which will be treated as a new project using existing funds. GWTA is updating the environmental clearance for the project.

Geary stated Fort Collins is working on the next phase of outreach for the Active Modes Plan, including a survey. Fort Collins might apply for the TDM funds to expand micromobility.

Zuniga highlighted Loveland held an open house for the Eagle Vista Natural Area and is creating a management plan for the open space.



Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES October 26, 2021 1:35 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Andrew Jones, The Arc
- Leiton Powell, GET
- Michelle Johnson, GET
- Abdul Barzak, Town of Severance
- Blake Van Jacobs, CDOT
- Garrett Mumma, CO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

- Nichole Seward, Weld Area Agency on Aging
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Moira Moon, CDOT
- Margie Martinez, United Way
- Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride
- Robyn Upton, Greeley Citizens Bus Improvement Committee

NFRMPO staff: Alex Gordon, Cory Schmitt, Hanna Johnson

- 2. Review of Agenda
- 3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 4. Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ewert motioned to approve the June 2021 minutes. Bedingfield seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schmitt announced a federal grant opportunity. These funds are for Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility grants, with specific goals of better coordinating transportation among organizations receiving funds from federal agencies with a December 6th deadline. Teets stated that he would like funds to go to several locations in Greeley. Ewert noted that it would be difficult to put something together in 6 weeks; there would be a significant amount of work to put together a competitive proposal. Ewert noted that only a few WCMC entities are already receiving federal transportation funds, which limits who can collaborate. Members decided not to pursue a proposal.

PRESENTATIONS

NFRMPO Coordinated Plan– Gordon presented about the update to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. This strategic plan encompasses the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and lower income people and applies to the work of public transit and human services transportation agencies, not just RideNoCo. During the outreach process, the NFRMPO heard five overarching themes: regional mobility, rural support, cost barriers, information sharing, and service limitations due to limited funding. The five strategies are coordination, education/communication, collaboration, infrastructure/funding, and non-mobility improvements. Gordon outlined the next steps: Planning Council discussion November 4th, LCMC action date: November 18, and Planning Council adoption: December 2nd. Teets notes that Weld County has not kept up with



population growth. Teets made a motion that the WCMC recommend approval of the Coordinated Plan. Barzak seconded the motion.

RideNoCo Technology Steering Committee – Schmitt presented about the RideNoCo Technology Steering Committee and demoed the RideNoCo website. Schmitt noted that NFRMPO staff are always accepting feedback on the website. The Trip Discovery tool, Phase 2, is currently going through the procurement process. Phase 3 is the trip dispatching and scheduling. RideNoCo is forming a steering committee to ensure that this scheduling software is user friendly and works for both transportation providers and riders. Ideal members include providers, riders, caregivers, and other stakeholders. The draft schedule envisions meetings once a month. Bedingfield, M. Johnson, Mumma, Bitzer, and Jones volunteered to participate on the steering committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Via Mobility Pilot Update – Bitzer updated the group on the Via Mobility Pilot in southwestern Weld County. Since the launch on August 2nd, there have been 179 trips to date with 51 registered riders. There was a recent successful group outing for the Platteville Senior Center. Via and the NFRMPO are discussing how to obtain funding to keep the service going. The service is costly – a local match of \$85-\$95k would be needed to maintain service. There has been a lot of ridership from Johnstown, Milliken, and Platteville. Via has a variety of vehicles they utilize, depending on needs and ridership for that day. Teets noted that he saw one of the Via vans in Greeley a few days ago. Bitzer noted that the SW Weld Pilot has had a variety of populations accessing the service and that it is capturing more than just older adults.

Community Outreach and Committee Membership – H. Johnson shared the RideNoCo Outreach Strategy and received feedback from WCMC members. Slides are included in the meeting packet.

2022 Meeting Dates and Format –Schmitt showed the proposed 2022 meeting schedule (attached) and asked how members would like to meet. Teets proposed a hybrid meeting option. Jones seconded the idea of a hybrid meeting. Teets would like to see all meetings in one location. Schmitt asked if anyone would like to volunteer their location and would be able to accommodate hybrid meetings. Bedingfield noted that there is room for 10 to 12 at their office. Martinez noted that United Way can seat quite a few people. Bedingfield and Teets noted that two joint meetings a year is a good format. United Way needs to double check that their audio set up would work but noted they do have an OWL for hybrid meetings. Martinez is unsure if United Way have the capacity to host all meetings but is available to host the February 22^{nd} meeting.

GREELEY EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES

Powell noted that things are going the best they can, given the national shortage of drivers and operators. GET has not had to reduce or cancel any service. Ridership is trending upward, including Poudre Express. Greeley is working on their <u>Greeley Master Transportation Plan.</u> This plan should be adopted in April of 2022.

WCMC MEMBER REPORTS

- Jones (Arc of Weld County): Executive Director, Larry McDermott, has retired. Amelia Koehmstedt is the interim director while the search is underway for a new Executive Director.
- Bedingfield(60+Ride): Slowly rebuilding transportation ridership as grocery delivery still makes up about half of 60+ service. Focusing on fundraising, recruiting volunteer drivers, and onboarding



- new administrative assistant who lives in Windsor. 60+ Ride may be receiving an accessible vehicle through the Weld County AAA but not sure yet.
- Barzak (Town of Severance): Town of Severance is working to finalize a TAP/MMOF trail project to submit to CDOT soon to connects to all the schools within the community. A Corridor Plan is set to be adopted within the next few months and will be a big improvement to standards for bike & ped as well as vehicles on major corridors.

Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)

5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

a) Topics for the December agenda include a presentation about the LinkNoCo Premium Transit Study (accepting survey responses now).

6. Adjourn

a) Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 pm. Ewert seconded. WCMC meeting will be December 7, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council November 4, 2021

Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes

Arndt **moved** to APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED and APPROVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. The motion was **seconded** by D. Clark and **passed** unanimously.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AGENDA Reports

Report of the Chair – Two representatives from the NFRMPO will be selected by the Governor for the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board of Directors. Planning Council members discussed possible representatives and recommended Karspeck and Payton apply for the Board.

D. Clark **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23 *APPROVING NFRMPO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.* The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

CONSENT ITEM: TIP Project Delay

Rennemeyer **moved** to *APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** by Payton and **passed** unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

<u>FY2021 Additional CMAQ Allocations</u> – Cunningham noted \$2.2M in CMAQ funding is available for allocation. Two partially funded projects from the 2016 Call for Projects, including Loveland's *COLT Diesel Bus Replacement* project and Fort Collins' *Transfort CNG Buses* project, can accept additional federal funds. TAC recommended awarding \$166k to those two projects and providing the remaining \$2.034M to North I-25.

D. Clark **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22 *APPROVING ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF FY2021 CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS TO PROJECTS SELECTED IN THE 2016 CALL FOR PROJECTS AND THE REMAINING FUNDS TO NORTH I-25.* The motion was **seconded** by Payton and **passed** unanimously.

Additional NFRMPO Comments on CDOT Greenhouse Gas Transportation Plan Budgets Rule – Bornhoft explained the major changes in the revised greenhouse gas (GHG) rule, proposed new comments on the rule, status of the NFRMPO's submitted recommendations, and three proposed priority comments. Council members supported adding one additional comment as a priority: removing the requirement for TC to consider revising the rule based on changes in VMT per capita.

D. Clark **moved** to approve *THE NFRMPO ADDITIONAL COMMENT LETTER ON CDOT'S GREENHOUSE GAS TRANSPORTATION PLAN BUDGETS RULE WITH THE ADDITION OF A FOURTH PRIORITY.* The motion was **seconded** by Payton and **passed** unanimously. Bracke abstained from voting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

<u>2021 Coordinated Plan</u> – Gordon explained the public input process for developing the <u>2021 Coordinated Plan</u> and the proposed strategies included in the Plan. The Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) recommended Planning Council adoption of the Plan and the Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) will make a recommendation at their meeting on November 18, 2021. Planning Council will consider adoption of the Plan at their meeting on December 2, 2021.

NFRMPO 10-Year Pipeline of Projects Update – Karasko stated CDOT is asking MPOs and TPRs to review projects on CDOT's 10-Year Pipeline to determine if they are still priorities. Karasko asked Planning Council if North I-25 and US34 are still the priority corridors and Council members agreed they are. TAC will consider the timing of project needs on those corridors at their meeting in November. The deadline for updating the pipeline is January 2022 and CDOT will determine how to incorporate the NFRMPO's list into the CDOT 10-Year Pipeline.