

**Meeting Minutes of the
NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &
AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**

**December 2, 2021
Hybrid Meeting at Severance Town Hall**

Voting Members Present:

Will Karspeck – Chair	-Berthoud
Frank Baszler	-Severance
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission
Mark Clark	-Evans
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Lanie Isbell	-Eaton
Scott James – Vice Chair	-Weld County
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Johnny Olsen	-Greeley
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County
Dena Wojtach	-CDPHE-APCD

Voting Members Absent:

Jeni Arndt	-Fort Collins
Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor

MPO Staff:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Cory Schmitt, Mobility Manager; Merideth Kimsey, Accounting Manager; Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner III; Medora Bornhoft, Transportation and Air Quality Planner III; AnnaRose Cunningham, Transportation Planner II

In Attendance:

Abdul Barzak, Allison Baxter, Dan Betts, Tricia Canonico, Rich Christy, Ray Cundiff, Jim Eussen, Butch Hauss, Josie Hadley, Will Jones, Dean Klingner, Katrina Klobberdanz, Mitch Nelson, Heather Paddock, Kim Redd, Elizabeth Relford, Jan Rowe, Eric Tracy, James Usher

Chair Karspeck called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED* and *APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) Wojtach announced the new Chair of the Division is Michael Ogletree and reported the EPA redesignation of the 2015 Ozone Non-Attainment boundary will include all of Weld County. CDPHE has partnered with CDOT and CEO to complete a study on the transition to zero emissions vehicles. Wojtach reported on updates to lead based paint, regional haze, and oil and gas regulations.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Bornhoft stated staff is doing preliminary work to update modeling to include the added area to the non-Attainment boundary. The deadline to determine conformity for the expanded area is December 30, 2022. Bornhoft updated Council on the status of the GHG Rulemaking and stated two and a half of the four

comments which the NFRMPO Council submitted were incorporated into the Revised rule. Bornhoft stated the GHG Mitigation Measures Working Group will be convening which she and Karasko will be a part of. CDOT is scheduled to adopt the GHG Rulemaking on December 16, 2021. James asked who all is included in the GHG Mitigation Working Group is and how people were selected to be part of the group. Bornhoft responded she will reach out to CDOT Staff and report back. Bracke stated the Working Group includes staff from MPOs, CDOT, CDPHE, CEO, and other state agencies.

Stephens stated land use planners from local agencies should be included in the Working Group due to some of the measures involving local land use laws and regulations.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Report of the Chair

Chair Karspeck appointed Commissioner Stephens to be the STAC representative and Councilmember Olson to be the alternate for the upcoming year.

Executive Director Report

Mallette reported the NFRMPO has hired a new Transportation Planner who will be starting part-time in January and full time in May. A legislative update is included in the packet and new riders guides are available for in person attendees.

TAC

A written report was provided.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

Finance

A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A written report was provided.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2021 Coordinated Plan (Resolution 2021-24) and 3rd Quarter Financial Statements

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

ACTION ITEMS:

November 2021 TIP Amendment – Cunningham outlined the revisions in the November 2021 TIP Amendment which include five new projects in the *Region 4 Hazard Mitigation Pool* and a new project pool *NFR Revitalizing Main Streets* with two new projects and funding for two existing TIP projects. James asked if the projects in the 10- Year List provided in the Council Packet were included in the TIP. Mallette noted the list is not included because TIP only included funded projects over the upcoming four years.

James **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25 *APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 2021 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)*. The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

2022 Officer Elections – Chair Karspeck opened nominations for 2022 Council Chair. Mellon asked if there are specifications in the NFRMPO Bylaws stating the leadership should alternate between Weld and Larimer County. Mallette stated the Chair and Vice Chair may serve two consecutive terms and the must be from opposing counties.

Vice Chair James **nominated** Chair Karspeck. Mellon **moved** to *close nominations and elect Chair Karspeck for 2022 Council Chair by Acclamation*.

Chair Karspeck opened nominations for 2022 Council Vice Chair.

Chair Karspeck **nominated** Vice Chair James. Baszler **moved** to *close nominations and elect Vice Chair James for 2022 Council Vice Chair by Acclamation.*

DISCUSSION ITEM:

NFRMPO 10-Year Pipeline of Projects Update – Karasko reviewed the purpose of the 10-Year Pipeline of Projects and 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. The list was discussed at the November 4, 2021 Planning Council meeting where Council Members agreed the I-25 Corridor and the US 34 Corridor remained the top regional priorities and at the TAC meeting on November 17, 2021 where TAC members reviewed project budgets and descriptions. Olsen asked if the funding amounts provided in the list were in 2021 dollars. Karasko stated they are the same funding amounts from the development of the list which was in 2020. Karasko noted a full review and update to the list, including updating priority corridors, will be completed during the development of the 2050 RTP. Karasko stated projects on the NFRMPO list will be considered in the development of the CDOT Region 4 list before being incorporated in the CDOT Headquarters list. James asked if the full EIS buildout should be included. Mallette responded specific projects on each of the priority corridors will be determined through coordination with CDOT Region 4. Karasko noted the list will be brought back as an action item at the January meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission – Bracke noted progress is being made on North I-25. James asked for a synopsis of the special Transportation Commission meeting held on December 1 on the GHG Rulemaking. Bracke noted she will send out the document that includes all the comments made during the meeting. James asked what CDOT Staff role is in the rulemaking process. Bracke responded their role is to provide technical input.

CDOT R4 Update – Paddock stated CDOT is working on the four year prioritized list of projects within the 10-year pipeline of projects which is anticipated to be completed in April. With the passage of IIJA, CDOT Region 4 is anticipated to receive approximately \$384M over the upcoming 4 years. CDOT will work to prioritize lists with the four MPOs and TPRs in Region 4. CDOT will be updating fact sheets for the North I-25 projects.

STAC report – A written report was provided.

I-25 Coalition– Vice Chair James noted the I-25 Coalition will be convening a funding subcommittee.

Host Council Member Report –Baszler noted the characteristics of Severance and thanked the Council for attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Baszler requested a motion to enter an Executive Session. James Seconded

Baszler **moved** the *Council enter into an Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), for discussion of a personnel matter regarding the annual evaluation of the Executive Director and not involving: any specific employee who has requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies.* The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. The session ended at 8:21.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff