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

December 9, 2021

Attendees: AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon, Cliff Moore, Gary Strome, Anna Kelso

Call for Projects

Cunningham reviewed the NFRMPO Call for Projects process. The NFRMPO awards federal funding for three programs: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), \$5M/year; Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), \$4M/year; Transportation Alternatives (TA), \$0.27M/year. Cunningham highlighted project examples for each funding program. Cunningham explained Regionally Significant Corridor (RSCs), which denote where construction projects can occur, as well as Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs) for bicycle and pedestrian trails. The Call for Projects opened in October and closes December 10, with scoring and discussions occurring prior to Planning Council approval in March 2022.

Considerations for the FY2024-2025 Call for Projects included set-asides discussed by NoCo Bike & Ped, TAC, and Planning Council, regional equity for small and large communities, improving and diversifying CMAQ project types, and improving connections to existing NFRMPO plans. Planning Council agreed to set aside \$5M for I-25 and \$50K for RAQC air quality modeling. Cunningham reviewed updated scoring criteria for each funding source, which elaborated on existing scoring and clarified how points should be awarded. Other changes for this Call include holding the Call closer to when the funds are available, requiring applicants to supply Environmental Justice and performance measure analysis worksheets, and adding scoring guidelines to make scoring less subjective.

Scoring committees will meet in December and January, and CAC members will discuss projects at their January meeting. TAC and Council will discuss the Scoring Committee recommendations and approve final projects in the Spring. In the near future, there will be a Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) Call for Projects.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next meeting date will be January 13, 2021.