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**NFRMPO Releases Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan for Public Comment**

**Fort Collins, Colorado**— Residents of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) region are invited to share their thoughts and feedback on the draft **Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan** during a 30-day public comment period. This 30-day public comment period begins on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 and closes on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

The North Front Range region enjoys a diverse and growing community. The rapid and continued growth of the region requires that transportation investments keep up with development to maintain a vibrant economy. To better incorporate this increasing diversity into future plans, programs, and efforts, the NFRMPO is pleased to release the draft **EJ Plan**. The **EJ Plan** builds on the limited EJ analyses NFRMPO staff currently undertakes.

Through the **EJ Plan**, the NFRMPO seeks to ensure the regional transportation planning process better reflects the needs and expectations of residents regardless of income, race, national identity, disability status, or ability to speak English. To reflect this goal, the **EJ Plan** consists of four key components: an existing regional demographic profile and analysis of low-income and minority populations as well as new communities of concern; recommendations for improving and creating a more inclusive transportation planning process in the North Front Range region; best practices from local, regional, state, and national examples; and a community resources inventory.

A copy of the plan is available at the NFRMPO offices at 419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Collins, CO 80521. The full **EJ Plan** can be accessed on the NFRMPO website at <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-environmental-justice-plan-draft.pdf>. Anyone needing special accommodations to access the content of the plan should contact the NFRMPO at [staff@nfrmpo.org](mailto:staff@nfrmpo.org).

All comments on the **EJ Plan** should be provided to Alex Gordon at [agordon@nfrmpo.org](mailto:agordon@nfrmpo.org) and/or Ryan Dusil at [rdusil@nfrmpo.org](mailto:rdusil@nfrmpo.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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*The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) is an association of 15 local governments working together to improve regional transportation and air quality. The NFRMPO provides short and long-range planning while prioritizing projects in those plans for state and federal funding. The NFRMPO develops cooperative relationships and financial partnerships among our member governments, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the private sector.*