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## ***On the Move:* Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates**

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### **Upcoming Transportation GHG Rulemaking**

The transportation sector is a leading contributor of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the State of Colorado. This spring, the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) is scheduled to consider a rulemaking to reduce GHGs from transportation. The rulemaking is part of an ambitious effort to address climate change and meet the state's science-based climate targets of reducing GHGs 26 percent by 2025, 50 percent by 2030, and 90 percent by 2050 from 2005 levels, as outlined in the state [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap](#) ("GHG Roadmap").



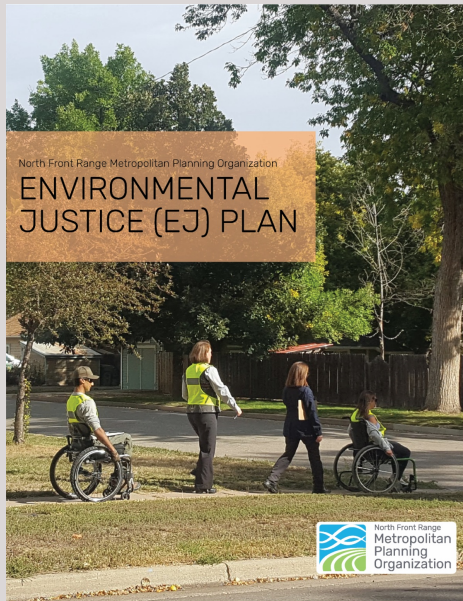
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The AQCC rulemaking will address two of the nine near-term actions identified in the GHG Roadmap for the transportation sector, including GHG pollution standards for transportation plans and trip reduction programs for large employers. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is leading the stakeholder process for the GHG pollution standards for transportation plans, while the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) is leading the stakeholder process for the proposed Employee Traffic Reduction Program (ETRP).

The AQCC is scheduled to review the draft proposal at their May 20-21 meeting. A rulemaking hearing on the proposal is anticipated to be scheduled for the AQCC's meeting on August 19-20, 2021.

To learn more and to get involved, visit <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-from-transportation>.

# Environmental Justice Plan

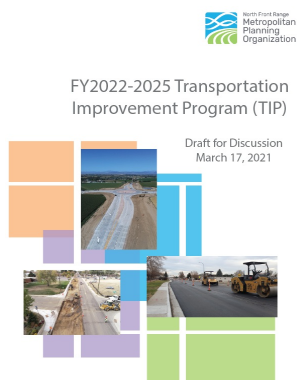


The NFRMPO periodically evaluates its programs, policies, and projects to ensure they are accessible and available regardless of income level, race or nationality, or language ability. This is becoming increasingly important as the region grows rapidly and diversifies. As part of this evaluation, NFRMPO staff embarked on the Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan, talking to residents, local non-profits, and partner agencies to identify shortcomings in and best practices for equity and inclusion in the transportation planning process. Broadening the lens with equity and inclusion, NFRMPO staff identified additional communities of concern, including individuals with disabilities, older adults, youth, and female-headed households.

The EJ Plan is divided into three parts: an Existing Conditions report based on analysis of current and forecasted demographic data; recommendations for improving equity and inclusion in the NFRMPO region's transportation planning process; and appendices, including best practices that could be adapted to Northern Colorado and a community resources guide. The project was released for public comment on February 3, 2021 and closed on March 4, 2021. The public comment received was positive and provided additional insight on how to communicate the goals and recommendations more clearly in the EJ Plan. Planning Council approved the EJ Plan at their April 1, 2021 meeting. Read the EJ Plan at [nfrmpo.org/environmental-justice](https://nfrmpo.org/environmental-justice).

## Public Comment Opportunities

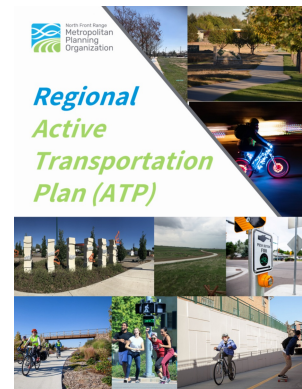
The NFRMPO provides public comment periods to provide a forum for public input on new plans. This Spring the NFRMPO will have three plans available for public comment.



April 2 - May 3



April 19 - April 30



May - June

Additionally, the NFRMPO will conduct a public hearing for the FY2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Conformity Determination for the FY2022-2025 TIP on May 6, 2021.

The draft documents and public comment schedules can be found on the [NFRMPO's Public Comment Opportunities webpage](https://nfrmpo.org/public-comment-opportunities).

## 2021 Air Quality Awareness Week

Beginning on May 3, celebrate air quality awareness week with the EPA. The theme for this year is **Healthy Air – Important for Everyone!** Each day will feature a different topic:



**Monday** – Wildfires & Smoke

**Tuesday** – Asthma & Your Health

**Wednesday** – Citizen Science & Sensors

**Thursday** – Environmental Justice

Communities & Air Quality

**Friday** – Air Quality Around the World

To celebrate, learn about and check the Air Quality Index (AQI) at [https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado\\_summary.aspx](https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx), and follow along on social media with hashtag #AQAW2021.

For more information, visit <https://www.airnow.gov/aqawl/>.

## Introducing RideNoCo!

The One Call/One Click Center officially has a name and a logo — RideNoCo. The slogan “Connecting You & Northern Colorado” embodies the two overarching goals of the program to improve both individual and regional mobility in Larimer & Weld counties. The program will be introduced to the region in the coming months as a website is built and a fully operational call center launches. For more information, please [reach out to Mobility Manager, Cory Schmitt](#).



## RideNoCo Helps Provide Access to Transportation for COVID Vaccines



Image Credit: [60+Ride](#)

The NFRMPO has fast-tracked key components of the One Call/One Click Center Project laid out in the [Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan](#) to support regional efforts to remove barriers to access for COVID vaccines, especially for vulnerable populations such as older adults and individuals with disabilities. The Larimer County Office of Emergency Management was seeking a coordinated and centralized method of connecting patients who required transportation assistance to local providers able to serve them when a provider recommended reaching out to the NFRMPO as the needs of the Office of Emergency Management closely aligned with the program goals of the One Call/One Click Center.

Partnerships with the Larimer County Office on Aging and the Weld County Area Agency on Aging for funding of rides has allowed the vaccine project to expand to encompass the entire region and as of April 5, the project has received 20 calls, 12 requests for transportation, and has connected 11 people across the region to their vaccine appointments. To get connected to transportation to and from your vaccine appointment, please tell your healthcare provider at the time of scheduling or call *RideNoCo* at (970) 514-3636 if your appointment has been scheduled.

## Summer Events



## Bike Month Events

In April, partners across Northern Colorado will be discussing their summer plans for Bike to Work Day, Bike & Walk Month, Bike and Walk to School Day, and other celebrations of active modes. Stay tuned to our social media pages and [website](#) for more information.

## Summer Outreach Events

During the summer, NFRMPO staff attends community events and festivals to have conversations with the public about the various projects and plans the agency is undertaking. NFRMPO Staff is continuing to evaluate COVID impacts on the summer outreach schedule. Check the NFRMPO Calendar at [nfrmpo.org/calendar](https://nfrmpo.org/calendar) and social media pages for updates.



## Get Involved

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us virtually at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/calendar>, and to download meeting materials, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials>.



Due to the current circumstances regarding COVID-19 meetings are being conducted virtually. Please check our [Events Calendar](#) for the most up to date information.

### Upcoming Events

**April 14, 2021**  
NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**April 21, 2021**  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

**April 27, 2021**  
Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)

**May 5, 2021**  
I-25 Coalition Meeting

**May 6, 2021**  
Planning Council

**May 11, 2021**  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

**May 20, 2021**  
Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)

**May 31, 2021**  
**Memorial Day**  
- NFRMPO Office Closed

### Recurring Meetings

**North I-25 Coalition** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**NFRMPO Council** meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Mobility and Access Priority Group** (formerly the Senior Transportation Coalition) meets the first Thursday every other month (May) at 1:30 p.m.

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (May) at 1:30 p.m.

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (April & June) at 1:30 p.m.

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** meets the second Tuesday once a quarter (May) at 6:00 p.m.