



North Front Range
Metropolitan
Planning
Organization

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

In this Issue:

- NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative hosts Wayfinding Workshop along the Poudre River Trail
- Upcoming Rulemaking on the Employee Traffic Reduction Program (ETRP)
- NFRMPO Adopts Active Transportation Plan
- Local communities provide updates on plans and studies funded with Multimodal Options Funds
- Amtrak announces *Amtrak Connects US* Vision
- 2021 Construction Map Update
- Mobility News in Northern Colorado
 - Via Mobility Piloting New Service in Southern Weld and Larimer Counties
 - NFRMPO hires new Mobility Coordinator
 - Coordinated Plan update
- NFRMPO Partner agency updates
 - Regional Air Quality Council Ozone Updates
 - CDOT Launches Bike & Pedestrian Safety Study

Read on for the latest transportation updates along the North Front Range.

[Visit our Website](#)

Identifying Wayfinding Needs Along the Poudre River Trail



By the end of 2023, the Poudre River Trail will connect Bellvue (northwest of Fort Collins) to Greeley via 45 miles of paved trail. 40+ miles exist, with a few small gaps remaining near I-25. Stakeholders along the trail are busy identifying wayfinding signage needs to ensure users have a seamless experience navigating the corridor.

On Wednesday, June 9, members of the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative met to ride and walk sections of the trail through the Town of Windsor, discussing wayfinding needs and

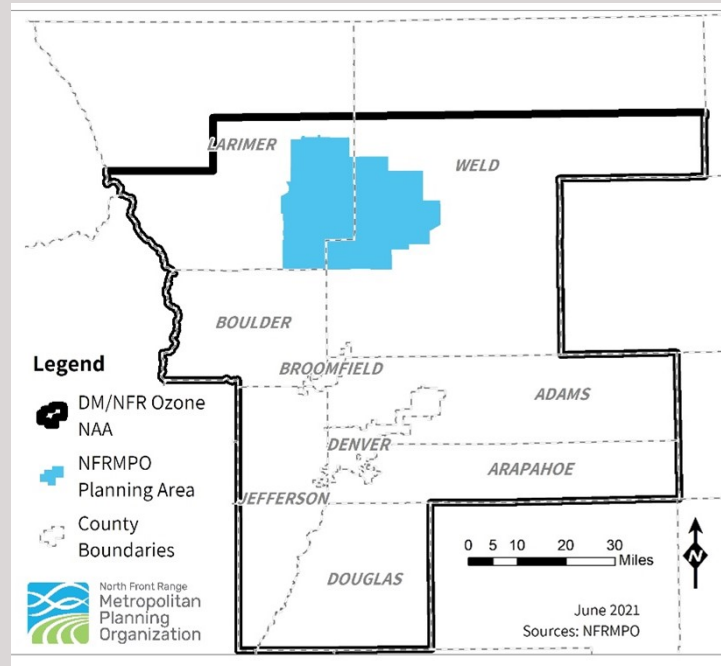
solutions. Participants discussed how to balance consistent regional messaging with individual community identity, communicate closures and provide safe detours, work with adjacent landowners, combine pavement markings with vertical signage, and encourage exploration of nearby destinations. These conversations will continue in the coming

Upcoming Rulemaking on the Employee Traffic Reduction Program (ETRP)

This August, the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) will hold a rulemaking hearing on an Employee Traffic Reduction Program (ETRP) rule. The NFRMPO is participating as a party in the rulemaking hearing to provide detailed input on the ETRP proposal, since several of the NFRMPO's member agencies would be impacted by the rule.

What is ETRP?

As currently drafted, the ETRP rule would apply to employers with 100 or more employees at a single worksite (referred to as "large employers") located in the Denver Metro/North Front Range (DM/NFR) Ozone Nonattainment Area; however, the AQCC will also consider requiring large employers in urban areas outside of the DM/NFR area to comply with the rule. Large employers would be required to develop and implement a plan to reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) commuting by employees to and from the worksite and to meet specified SOV commute rate targets.



The rulemaking is one part of an ambitious multi-strategy and multi-sector effort to address climate change and meet the State's science-based climate targets of reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) 26 percent by 2025, 50 percent by 2030, and 90 percent by 2050 from 2005 levels, as outlined in the State's [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap](#) ("GHG Roadmap"). The ETRP is also expected to reduce ozone precursors, thus contributing to the goal of attaining the federal ozone standards.

Want to get Involved?

The rulemaking hearing on the ETRP is scheduled for the AQCC's meeting on August 18-20, 2021. For those interested in providing public comment, there are two methods available. One method is to submit written public comment. Written comments must be submitted to the AQCC no later than **August 3, 2021**. Another method is to provide verbal comment at the virtual public comment session on **August 18, 2021** from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. In early August, registration for providing verbal public comment will be available at <https://cdpche.colorado.gov/aqcc>.

For more information on the proposal, visit <https://cdpche.colorado.gov/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-from-transportation>. Additional detail on ETRP as well as instructions on submitting public comment is available in the hearing notice for Regulation 22 at <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1-VyHs11xG-KYNb2EV8DVBjKHe7vnJqT8>.

Active Transportation Plan

On Thursday, July 1, the NFRMPO Planning Council adopted the *Regional*

Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP)



Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP is an update to the shared regional vision for active (bicycle and pedestrian) transportation. It provides extensive guidance and serves as a toolkit for consistent active transportation planning across Northern Colorado communities. The ATP identifies various strategies and actions steps to improve active transportation across the region and position NFRMPO communities to better pursue other funding opportunities. Learn more about the ATP [here](#).

Multimodal Plans and Studies in the NFRMPO

In April 2020, the NFRMPO Planning Council awarded Multimodal Options Funding (MMOF) to four agencies in the region to complete multimodal studies and to the North Front Range Premium Transit Analysis. Updates for each of the studies have been provided below.



The Greeley Transportation Master Plan- *Greeley on the Go* is in the existing conditions and public engagement phase of the planning process. There are approximately 10 public engagement events planned throughout the summer at locations including the Arts Picnic, Friday Fest, Greeley Stampede, the Active Adult Center, the Rodarte Community Center, and the Greeley Farmer's Market. The City anticipates adoption of the plan in April 2022.

The plan will build on past planning efforts to set a course for transportation in Greeley and provide an implementation framework for future roadway, bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements. The project team is currently surveying Greeley residents and have collected approximately 500 survey responses in both English and Spanish. Please visit the [project website](#) for additional information.

The North Front Range Premium Transit Analysis kicked off in earnest in May 2021 and has been dubbed "LINK NoCo". HDR will lead the project, evaluating potential corridors for upgraded transit services within the NFRMPO area. The goal of the project is to better connect the communities in the region via upgraded bus or rail services. The project is expected to take between 12 and 18 months. In the coming months, HDR and the NFRMPO will convene a Policy Advisory Group and a Guidance Committee to guide the project. In addition, extensive bilingual outreach will be conducted to ensure the final recommendation meets the goals, expectations, and needs of the region.



A project website has been set up at <https://nfrmpo.org/linknoco/> and a special email has been set up for questions and comments at info@linknoco.com. Voice messages may also be left at (970) 387-8058.



The 7th Street Multimodal Corridor Study in Windsor focuses on safety enhancements for all modes of travel, including pedestrians, bikes, and transit. Improvements identified in the study include pedestrian crossings, striped bike lanes, and connections to Poudre Trail and Greeley No. 2 Ditch Trail by Windsor Lake.

Phase 1 of the project consists of safety improvements that are relatively low cost and quick to implement including striping of bike lanes and cross walks, installation of flexible delineators, signage, etc. Design drawings for these improvements will be complete in June with construction bidding to commence thereafter. An outreach campaign to educate the traveling public about upcoming construction and changes to the corridor will begin prior to construction. Phase 2 builds off Phase 1 improvements by making the improvements more permanent and adds: roundabouts at Stone Mountain Drive and Garden Drive, linear park/trail, and gateway/placemaking/wayfinding at Main Street intersection. Engineering work is ongoing, and a final design and a cost estimate was presented to Town Board at the June 21st Work Session. For more details and updates to the project, please visit the [project website](#).

The Evans *Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan* effort kicked off in fall 2020. The project team has spent the past nine months surveying community members to understand their vision for transportation in Evans along with their mobility needs, engaging a steering committee through interactive virtual meetings that have helped guide the planning process, a series of virtual workshops with community members, and a thorough existing conditions analysis that examined how the current transportation network in Evans provides connectivity both locally and regionally. Evans hosted a regional meeting inviting representatives from CDOT, NFRMPO, Weld County, Milliken, Kersey, Greeley, LaSalle, Envision, Area Agency on Aging, AARP, for example to share opportunities for regional collaboration and to identify regional needs.



Most recently, the project team hosted a community event on May 27, 2021 in coordination with the Evans Master Plan update planning team at Evans City Park. Community members provided input on a proposed set of transportation projects for Evans, shared their views on how Evans should prioritize investment in mobility, and shared thoughts on what type of transportation infrastructure they would like to see in their community through a visual preference survey. Looking ahead, the *Multi-Modal*

Transportation Master Plan project team is developing plan alternatives during the summer of 2021, testing alternatives, and working with the steering committee and other local stakeholders to define a preferred plan alternative that meets community members' vision of a more multimodal transportation network while also supporting the land use vision being developed concurrently through the Evans *Master Plan* update. For more information and to stay up to date on the project visit the project website:

<https://www.evanscolorado.gov/masterplan>.

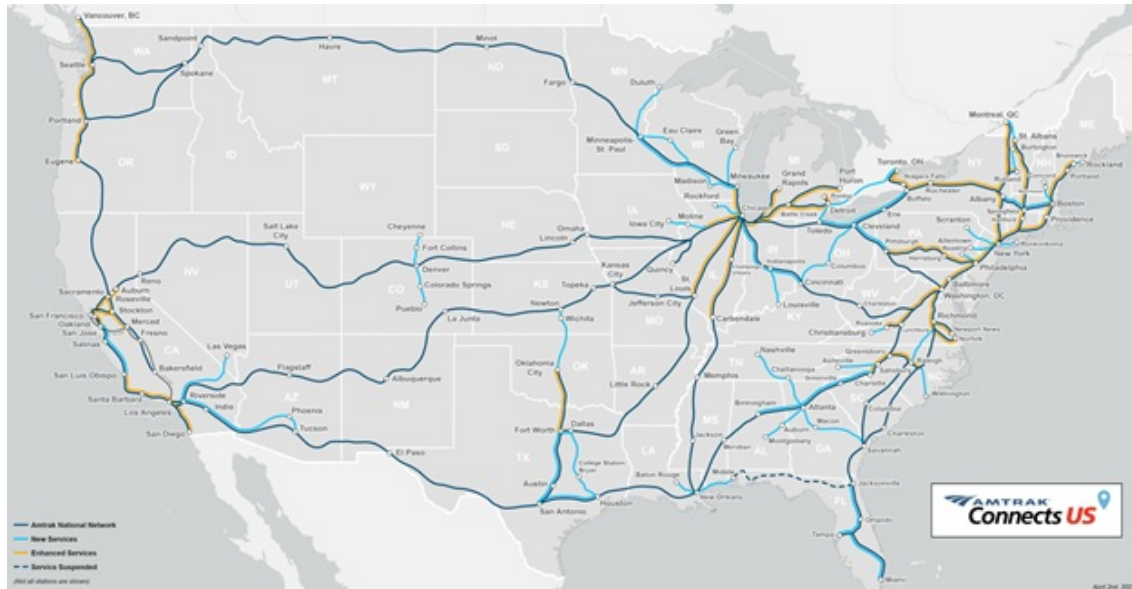


The West Elizabeth Project Management team has been finalized and regular meetings are in place. Transfort formally submitted the Request for Entry into Project Development letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on May 27th. The first public outreach event is scheduled for July 9th from 8 – 11:00 AM

and 5 – 7:30 PM. Please see <https://www.fcgov.com/westelizabeth/> for updates.

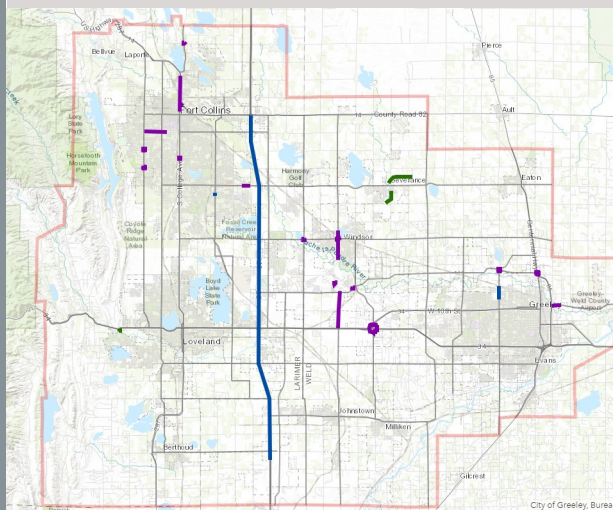
Amtrak Announces *Amtrak Connects US* Vision

Amtrak announced the [Amtrak Connects US](#) vision, which would add new or improved routes throughout the country over the next 15 years. To build out and improve the corridors, Amtrak is requesting additional funding for capital and operating costs; fair access to freight lines; and better enforcement to ensure on-time trains. By 2035, Amtrak could serve up to 160 more communities, add more than 30 new routes, and enhance more than 20 existing routes with more trips. Prior to the pandemic, Amtrak served around 32 million people. Adding these additional routes throughout the country could potentially add millions more.



One of the corridors proposed is along the Front Range Corridor, connecting Cheyenne to Pueblo via Fort Collins and Loveland. The service would see three daily round trips between Fort Collins and Pueblo, with one round trip extending to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Trains would take about five and a half hours to travel between Pueblo and Cheyenne, which is about two hours longer than driving in off-peak times. Amtrak produced a [fact sheet](#) explaining the Front Range Corridor Vision. [A report](#) was released in May 2021 providing additional details on the vision.

Construction in Northern Colorado



The NFRMPO collects data about upcoming construction projects located on Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) happening in Larimer and Weld counties. These projects can be found through the online map which is updated regularly to keep residents and visitors informed. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) also provides updates on construction along I-25, including closure information, which can be found [here](#). To see the most up-to-date map with construction projects scheduled from July through December 2021, visit the [construction page on our website](#).

Mobility News in Northern Colorado

Via Mobility Piloting New Service in Southern

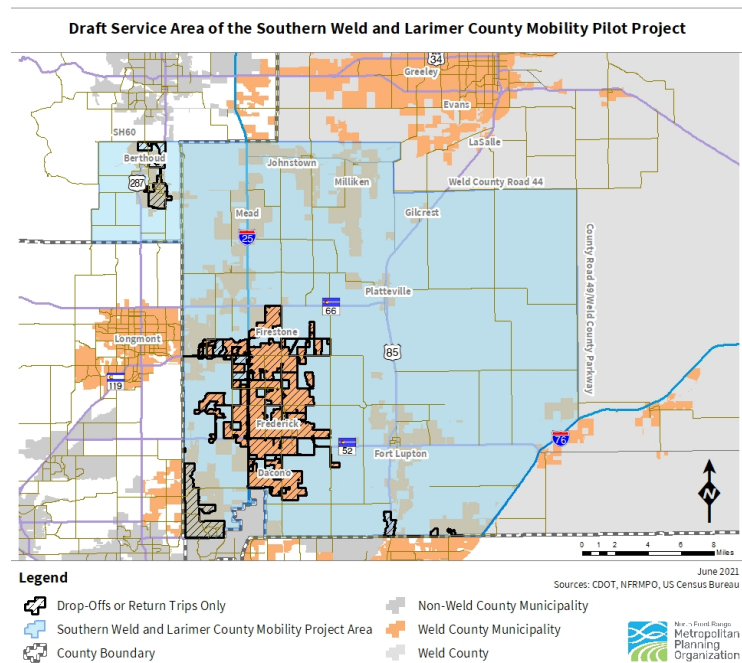
Weld and Larimer Counties

Beginning August 2nd, 2021, [Via Mobility Services](#), a non-profit transportation provider based in Boulder, will launch a pilot program serving people and communities in rural portions of southwestern Weld County and southeastern Larimer County as defined by the blue service area in the map. The new pilot service will be available to those residing in or near the municipalities of Mead, Johnstown, Milliken, Gilcrest, Platteville, Fort

Lupton, Lochbuie, and portions of the Berthoud area. Via will transport individuals to destinations within the defined service area as well as surrounding locations such as Brighton, Boulder County, and potentially Greeley and Loveland.

Residents in the service area can fill out the [Via Pilot Survey](#) to give feedback about the upcoming service. Survey results will guide which destinations the pilot will serve.

The pilot service will be free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the general public, regardless of age or ability. Operating hours will be Monday-Friday, 8am to 3:30 pm.



Welcome Hanna Johnson!

Welcome Hanna Johnson, the NFRMPO's new Mobility Coordinator! Hanna joins the NFRMPO after serving as a Planner with Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Hanna brings experience both with multimodal transportation and land-use planning. She is fascinated by the interconnected relationship between mobility, the built environment, health, community services, and public policy.



Growing up in Greeley and then attending Colorado State University, Hanna is passionate about the mobility outcomes within the MPO's region. While at CSU, she served as the chairperson for the student government's Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board (ATFAB). In this role, she facilitated partnerships across the region to improve mobility outcomes for the CSU student body, ensuring students were at the table for projects like the Poudre Express regional bus route.

Hanna's main task will be assisting with the development of NFRMPO's One Call/One Click Center based on the [Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan](#) to

empower residents of Northern Colorado with a centralized hub to find and access the best transportation options to meet their needs. The One Call/One Click Center is funded through the Multimodal Options Funds (MMOF) program and was approved by the NFRMPO Planning Council in January 2020.


Hanna can be reached at hjohnson@nfrmpo.org or (970) 672-0677.

Coordinated Plan Update




The NFRMPO continues to work on the update to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. To learn more about the Coordinated Plan, watch this [quick video](#) explaining its purpose and process. To provide feedback, please fill out this [quick survey](#). Make sure to check out our [Mobility page](#) for more information.

Partner Agency Updates



**BE IN THE KNOW WHEN
AIR QUALITY IS UNHEALTHY**




**SIGN-UP FOR
OZONE ALERTS**

What is ground-level ozone?
Ground-level ozone is a harmful air pollutant that is created when emissions from cars and other sources "cook" in sunlight.

TEXT ALERTS:
TEXT
"BETTERAIRCO"
TO 21000

EMAIL ALERTS:
SIGN UP AT
SIMPLESTEPSBETTERAIR.ORG



Simple Steps. Better Air. is a program of the Regional Air Quality Council

Colorado Department of Transportation
(CDOT) **Region 4**

**BIKE & PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY STUDY**



Project Overview

CDOT is studying ways to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians within Region 4. The study will include an evaluation of systemic and "hot spot" improvements on CDOT owned roadways within Region 4, with a focus on regional equity. The primary goal of this project is to support future safety grant applications to implement projects.

The team will identify engineering solutions to reduce bicycle and pedestrian related crashes. For each of the top prioritized locations, conceptual designs, planning level cost estimates and benefit to cost ratios will be prepared to support future safety grant applications.

Example Bike & Pedestrian Solutions

- Striping
- Intersection Geometry
- Signalization
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Shoulder Widths
- Lighting

Why Does This Study Matter?

This study will accomplish the following:

- Improve bicycle & pedestrian safety in the region (bike and pedestrian safety are regional priorities for CDOT)
- Create process best practices for identifying future safety improvement needs and locations
- Apply identified safety improvement solutions to City and County roads within Region 4
- Learn and understand the safety improvement needs and preferences for communities within Region 4

GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED!

During this project, we will be using a robust digital platform called MetroQuest to gather broad community feedback and input.

If you are interested in participating in the MetroQuest digital space, please provide your contact information here:



<http://bit.ly/R4SafetyStudy>

PROJECT SCHEDULE



May 2021: Data Collection
June-Aug 2021: Priority Locations
Aug-Sept 2021: Safety Screening
Sept-Oct 2021: Documentation
Oct 2021 - Feb 2022: Safety Countermeasures

PMT Input Opportunities
Council Member Briefing Presentation Provided

Project Partners



**Michael Baker
INTERNATIONAL**

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 current circumstance regarding COVID-19 many meetings are being conducted virtually or a hybrid of virtual and in person. Please check our [Events Calendar](#) for the most up to date information.

Upcoming Events

July 3-6, 2021

Independence Day Holiday
-NFRMPO Office Closed

July 8, 2021

Community Advisory
Committee (CAC)

July 14, 2021

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

July 15, 2021

Larimer County Mobility
Committee (LCMC)

July 21, 2021

Technical Advisory Committee
(TAC)

August 8, 2021

Planning Council

August 24, 2021

Combined LCMC & WCMC
Meeting

September 4-6, 2021

Labor Day Holiday
- 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 (August) at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets the second Thursday every other month at 6:00 p.m.