

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

January 13, 2022

**Attendees:** AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon, Cliff Moore, Gary Strome, Kathleen Mitchell, Ruthie Rollins, Jonathan Dent, Diego Lopez, Hunter Rivera, Erin Bergquist, Anna Kelso

**Call for Projects**

The group discussed each funding source and projects submitted during the 2021 Call for Projects.

- CMAQ
  - **Q:** Will Transfort use Charge Ahead Colorado funds for the On Route Battery Electric Bus Chargers? **A:** Additional funding for the buses, but the NFRMPO is only aware of CMAQ and local funds.
  - **Q:** Do the same communities apply each Call for Projects? **A:** The Call for Projects is open to any community in our region, but small communities often chose not to apply because of the additional federal requirements. The NFRMPO tries to make it easier for smaller communities to apply, including options like the STBG small community funding target. Partnerships are also important to leverage larger community capacity for smaller communities.
  - NFRMPO staff will follow up on how existing adaptive signal technologies work. The group discussed the feedback loop for projects after they have received funding.
  - **Q:** When is Fort Collins purchasing their electric buses? **A:** The electric buses are expected in early 2022
- STBG
  - **Q:** What does “waitlisted” mean? **A:** Additional funding will go to those projects if it becomes available without having to reapply. NFRMPO staff will contact project sponsors if additional funding becomes available.
  - **Q:** What part of 37<sup>th</sup> St did Evans apply for? **A:** Evans applied for the area near 65<sup>th</sup> Ave, near where the new middle school was built. CAC member noted there are a lot of kids walking in ditches, so this is a good project. The group also discussed Safe Routes to Schools opportunities and potential partnerships for areas near unincorporated land.
  - **Q:** The group discussed whether the number of points allotted to multimodal improvements was low. The group also discussed freight connectivity needs, and how the feedback from this discussion will tie into new and updated regional performance measures.
  - **Q:** Does crash data tell the whole story? Cyclists and pedestrians can choose other options if they feel unsafe at intersections. **A:** The NFRMPO is partnering to create a Hazard Reporter Tool to help local communities potential issue areas. The group also discussed how the Call for Projects can be more proactive rather than reactive.
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  - **Q:** Will there be QR codes to get more information at the wayfinding signs? **A:** This question will be taken to NoCo Bike/Ped as a suggestion.

**Funding**

Gordon presented on federal and state funding opportunities coming in the next few years. State funding is available soon and has a 10-year horizon. Federal funding should be for the next five years. Gordon and Cunningham will ensure better communication to ensure CAC members have opportunities to provide comment on the 10-Year List of Projects and priority lists.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting date will be February 10, 2021.