

**Meeting Minutes of the
NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &
AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**

**January 6, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Will Karspeck – Chair	-Berthoud
Jeni Arndt	-Fort Collins
Frank Baszler	-Severance
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission
Mark Clark	-Evans
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Lanie Isbell	-Eaton
Scott James – Vice Chair	-Weld County
Jon Mallo	-Loveland
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Johnny Olsen	-Greeley
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County

Voting Members Absent:

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Dena Wojtach	-CDPHE-APCD

MPO Staff:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Cory Schmitt, Mobility Manager; Merideth Kimsey, Accounting Manager; Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner III; Medora Bornhoft, Transportation and Air Quality Planner III; AnnaRose Cunningham, Transportation Planner II

In Attendance:

Allison Baxter, Bill Becker, Dan Betts, Tricia Canonico, Rich Christy, Michael Command, Jim Eussen, Charla Glendening, Josie Hadley, Sandra Hagen Solin, Butch Hause, Omar Herrera, Myron Hora, Mark Jackson, Will Jones, Dean Klingner, Katrina Klobberdanz, Wesley LaVanchy, Evan Pinkham, Randy Ready, Elizabeth Relford, Jan Rowe, Natalie Shishido, Mike Silverstein, Robin Stoneman, Eric Tracy, Paul Trombino

Chair Karspeck called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

Chair Karspeck read public comment submitted via email.

Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes

Olson **moved** to *APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2022 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED* and *APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2021 AND DECEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by James and **passed** unanimously.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

A written report was provided.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

Silverstein provided updates on the development and timing of the next State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone which is due to EPA by the end of 2022. Regulatory and voluntary ozone control measures are under review to enable the region to attain the ozone standard. Silverstein invited all to attend the RAQC's Control Strategy Committee and work groups to develop ozone control measures.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Bornhoft provided updates on the NFRMPO's declaration on the nonattainment designation of northern Weld County, the TC's approval of the GHG Planning Standard, and the schedule and approach for updating the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to meet GHG requirements.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Report of the Chair

Chair Karspeck appointed Clark as Chair of the HR Committee. Additional members of the HR Committee will include Mellon, Isbell, Stephens, Arndt, and Baszler. James will chair the Finance Committee. Additional members of the Finance Committee will include Rennemeyer, Stephens, Clark, Isbell, and Olson.

Executive Director Report

Malette highlighted the NFRMPO's 2021 Annual Report, the VanGo™ Annual Survey results, and the quarterly VanGo™ report.

TAC

A written report was provided.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

Finance

A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A written report was provided.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS:

Executive Director Annual Goals – Malette identified three annual goals for 2022, including exploring and identifying sustainable funding for Ride NoCo, developing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and programs, and exploring development of a Transportation Management Organization (TMO) within the region. Council members discussed the TDM and TMO goals, such as how the goals relate to GHG compliance and types of stakeholders for both efforts.

James **moved** to approve the Executive Director Annual Goals for 2022. The motion was **seconded** by Chair Karspeck / Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

December 2021 Off-Cycle TIP Amendment – Cunningham described the TIP Amendment which removes two projects from the TIP. No public comments were received during the public comment period. TAC recommended Planning Council approval of the TIP Amendment.

Stephens **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01 *APPROVING THE DECEMBER 2021 OFF-CYCLE AMENDMENT TO THE FY2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)*. The motion was **seconded** by James and **passed** unanimously.

NFRMPO 10-Year Pipeline of Projects Update – Karasko provided background on the 10-Year List and the reason for updating the list. She noted changes to the 10-Year list since it was discussed by Council in December, including splitting two projects (US34 & WCR17 and Spaghetti Junction) into separate phases and reordering projects based on phasing identified by CDOT Region 4. Malette noted the NFRMPO Chair will use the list to recommend projects at the Four Chair TPR meeting, after which Region 4 would decide on a list of projects to submit to CDOT Headquarters.

James **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 *READOPTING THE 10-YEAR PIPELINE OF PROJECTS LIST*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

2018-2022 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Cunningham stated the NFRMPO and CDOT are federally required to set targets annually for five safety performance measures. The NFRMPO may adopt CDOT’s targets or set targets specific to the NFRMPO region. Cunningham explained CDOT’s methodology for setting statewide targets for the current performance period, which covers 2018 through 2022. Instead of forecasting the five-year average, as has been done in the past, CDOT’s targets reflect 2019 actual values because the 2020 data was considered unreliable for forecasting due to the substantial increase in the fatality rate in 2020. Due to data processing delays at CDOT, the NFRMPO has not received region-specific crash data for 2020 and the statewide crash data for 2020 has not been finalized. It is unknown when the data will be available and the deadline for setting targets is February 27, 2022.

Olson noted the importance of understanding trends by crash type to set safety targets and inform project selection. James asked how the safety targets impact the 10-Year Pipeline of Projects. Cunningham explained CDOT considers projects when setting statewide targets and noted the NFRMPO has supported statewide targets instead of setting regionally specific targets because the NFRMPO does not have safety-specific funding sources. Bracke and Stephens discussed how the targets relate to Vision Zero, such as the Vision Zero components of the IIJA and the NFRMPO Vision Zero Policy.

NFRMPO staff will bring information to the February Council meeting on how the safety targets relate to project selection for the 10-Year Pipeline of Projects and how the targets relate to Vision Zero.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission – Bracke expressed appreciation for all the support for recovery efforts from the Marshall Fire. She noted over \$200M in construction work was completed on North I-25 in the last year and stated the Transportation Commission’s approval of the GHG Rule was a notable achievement.

CDOT R4 Update – Hadley stated the planning totals for the 10-Year Plan have not been finalized yet; planning totals will be presented at the January Transportation Commission meeting. Transportation Commission approval of projects in years five through eight is expected in May or June 2022. CDOT R4 is estimating R4 will receive \$254M for those four years excluding funds from HPTE, Bridge Enterprise, and loans. A survey is available through January 14 for TPRs and MPOs to identify project priorities. CDOT R4’s draft list includes \$87M to I-25 Segment 5 which would cover design, ROW, utilities, initial work for one bridge interchange, and enable future widening. CDOT sent a letter to Roadis to enter Phase 2 of the Public Private Partnership (3P) process; however, Phase 2 will not be completed by June 2022, so R4’s 10-Year List will still include North I-25.

Olson asked if the delay of the SB260 fee, as announced by Governor Polis, will be incorporated into the planning totals. Mallette stated the one-year delay impacts the HUTF increase. Hadley stated CDOT staff will confirm the funding impact.

I-25 Coalition/US34 Coalition – Vice Chair James stated the I-25 Coalition meeting included updates on Segments 6, 7 and 8. There is interest in proactively pursuing funding and grants for North I-25 and US34.

Host Council Member Report – Olson stated the Greeley On the Go Transportation Master Plan will be completed this summer and has had robust public participation. Greeley is working with Weld County on O St and 59th Ave and the roundabout at O St and 35th Ave. Conceptual design on 83rd Ave between US34 Business and 12th St is underway. Buses are expected to be delivered this month for the Greeley Evans Transit (GET) CMAQ bus grant.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Medora Bornhoft, NFRMPO Staff