

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council**

Virtual Meeting

January 19, 2022

1:00 – 2:17 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Allison Baxter, Vice Chair – Greeley
Abdul Barzak – Severance
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Jessica Ferko – RAQC
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dave Klockeman – Loveland
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Adam Olinger – Berthoud
Troy White - Johnstown

NFRMPO STAFF:

Medora Bornhoft
AnnaRose Cunningham
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette
Jerome Rouser
Cory Schmitt

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Ferko stated RAQC continues to develop the SIP, including holding discussions at the Control Strategy Committee and Board meetings. RAQC also continues developing

control strategies. Coffin stated there are two SIP listening sessions, one on the evening of January 20, 2022 and the other on the morning of January 22, 2022.

Bornhoft stated the redesignation of northern Weld County as nonattainment went into effect at the end of December 2021. Planning Council held a special meeting on December 16, 2021 and approved by consensus a declaration of impacts of the redesignation. Bornhoft stated Transportation Commission approved the GHG standards, which incorporated some high priority NFRMPO comments. The final rule is available on CDOT's website. CDOT has convened two technical groups for implementation, and NFRMPO staff is a member of both. The groups have started meeting because the procedures need to be set by April.

The NFRMPO must update the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to meet the new GHG standards. The NFRMPO opened a Call for Amendments for the 2045 RTP to amend in major projects which need to be included prior to adopting the 2050 RTP. Bornhoft sent out the request via email on January 14, 2022, with a deadline of January 28, 2022. TAC members should reach out to Bornhoft with questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Transfort FY2022 Program of Projects (POP) – Katlyn Kelly, Transfort, presented the FY2022 Program of Projects (POP). Fort Collins is the Designated Recipient (DR) for FTA formula funds in the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA). Kelly noted FY2022 apportionments have not been released yet, so amounts shown are based on FY2021. Transfort will update the amounts when the updated numbers are received. Kelly reviewed how Fort Collins plans to expend the FTA funds. The POP was announced on both the Transfort and Coloradoan websites, and a public meeting was held on December 15, 2021. No comments were received.

Buckman moved to recommend Planning Council approval of TIP amendments for the Program of Projects (POP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 FTA sections 5307, 5310 and 5339 apportionments for the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA). Klockeman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

January 2022 TIP Amendment – Cunningham stated there was one request to amend the FY2022-2025 TIP from the City of Fort Collins to add the *Transfort Non-Revenue Maintenance Vehicles* project. The public comment period opened January 12, 2022 and will conclude on February 10, 2022.

Baxter moved to recommend Planning Council approve the January 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment to the FY2022-FY2025 TIP. Buckman seconded motion, which was approved unanimously.

2018-2022 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Cunningham reviewed the Planning Council discussion of the targets for the federally required Safety Performance Measures. Cunningham noted CDOT based the targets on preliminary 2020 statewide data which showed an increase in fatal crashes and a decrease in serious injury crashes.. At the same time, VMT decreased, which increased the rates. Cunningham reviewed the NFRMPO Safety Vision adopted by Planning Council, including identified NFRMPO Actions. Changes to project scoring implemented in the 2021 Call for Projects will impact future performance periods, not the current period. Cunningham also noted the Federally required safety targets are separate efforts from CDOT's 10 Year Priority List of Projects and the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP), but each effort uses the same data, analysis, and programed projects to move toward long term goals. CDOT set a statewide target within the STSP to reduce fatal and serious

injury crashes by 15 percent, which is a milestone to achieving the Toward Zero Death goal. Cunningham stated Planning Council will take action at the February 3, 2022 meeting. NFRMPO staff will convene the Crash Data Working Group and will geocode crash data when it is received.

Relford asked how safety projects could work in opposition to the GHG priorities. Mallette stated modeling needs to be done, and the GHG rules acknowledge federal requirements trump state requirements. Relford suggested adding more data and context to the AIS for Council, specifically the difference between aspirational targets and performance measures.

Klockeman asked for clarification about the desired outcomes for the Crash Data Work Group. Cunningham explained the Work Group could identify local data to supplement CDOT crash data to better analyze crashes for target setting. The group can also identify analyses for NFRMPO staff to help give context and help local communities. Klockeman stated Loveland is working on a Local Agency Safety Plan, which includes discussion with police on data collection at crash sites. This conversation could help inform other communities about what needs to be done to improve data. Relford asked if CDOT provides DiExSys data to the NFRMPO. Cunningham stated CDOT provides only raw crash data, and NFRMPO staff geocodes crash data that is not already coded.

Klockeman moved to recommend Planning Council adopt targets by supporting the 2018-2022 statewide targets set by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the five federally required Highway Safety Performance Measures by agreeing to plan and program projects to contribute toward accomplishment of those Targets. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 Call for Projects – Cunningham summarized the projects received during the 2021 Call for Projects. TA projects were scored by NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative at a meeting on December 15, 2021, and STBG and CMAQ were scored by the Scoring Committee on January 5, 2022. The NFRMPO had \$15.8M to award, and received 20 applications for \$23.8M. NFRMPO staff provided an analyses of the projects, including preliminary GHG analysis, performance measures, and project location analyses within Environmental Justice (EJ), communities of concern (COC), and Disproportionally Impacted (DI) communities: 60 percent of projects were located within an EJ area, 80 percent within a COC, and 50 percent within DI.

Cunningham reviewed the recommended projects and next steps, including the presentations to Council at their February 3, 2022 meeting. All project sponsors will be required to present to Council, including waitlisted projects. Cunningham will send out slides for sponsor's review prior to the Council meeting. Cunningham will send out a Call for Projects Process Survey, and TAC will discuss Regional Performance Measure Analysis in the coming months.

Klockeman stated TAC and NFRMPO staff should revisit scoring performance measure achievement in the next Call for Projects to be less subjective. Klockeman asked how TA projects could get credit for CMAQ emissions. Cunningham clarified the project sponsors could show progress toward reducing ozone precursors. Guthrie asked if the Willow Bend project would be the first project to be funded on the

waitlist. Cunningham confirmed the Willow Bend project would receive funding to become fully funded if it becomes available. Relford asked how the recommended projects satisfied the small community targets. Cunningham stated the recommended projects did not hit the small community target. Relford recommended including this information to Planning Council.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – A written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – No updates were provided.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt stated the Trip Discovery project has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of summer. The next phase of RideNoCo, the trip scheduling software, is moving forward with a Technology Steering Committee. The Committee will begin in February 2022. Schmitt highlighted the Via pilot was extended through the end of February 2022. To the end of December 2021, 333 trips were completed. Schmitt noted the Quarterly Mobility Newsletter was included in the TAC packet.

REPORTS

Special December 2021 and January 2022 Planning Council Meeting Summary – Written reports were provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary – Cunningham noted the CAC discussed the recommended projects and generally supported the projects. CAC discussed safety as a priority and the need to be proactive, not reactive.

Mobility Committee Updates – A written report was provided.

Q4 TIP Modifications – A written report was provided.

CDOT Inactives Report – A written report was provided.

NFRMPO Annual Report – A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Cunningham stated NFRMPO staff is beginning the development of the *2023-2026 TIP*. Cunningham will send out a request for regionally significant projects on January 31, 2022, and responses are due by February 14, 2022. Cunningham will also send out an email related to the Crash Data Work Group.

Bornhoft stated the Call for RTP Amendments opened January 14, 2022 and closes January 28, 2022. Bornhoft noted she sent out an email and invitation for the first Model Steering Team meeting on February 18, 2022.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – No recommendations were made.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 as a hybrid meeting.