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

February 10, 2022

Attendees:, Cliff Moore, Gary Strome, Doran Azari, Lacey Allor, Desiree Moore, Anna Kelso, Ruthie Rollins

Staff: AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon, Jerome Rouser

TIP & 10-Year Pipeline of Projects

Cunningham reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP includes all regionally significant and federally funded surface transportation projects over a four-year timeframe. Projects funded through the Call for Projects must be approved by Planning Council and amended into the TIP. The FY2023-2026 TIP is under development with anticipated adoption in May 2022. Projects included in the TIP have MPO, State, or Federal funds identified or meet the 'regionally significant' project definition. Projects included in the TIP are incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The TIP must be fiscally constrained, conform to air quality standards, ensure no disproportionate impact to low income and minority populations, and show progress toward achieving federal, state, and regional performance measures. Cunningham reviewed the performance measures and environmental justice analyses undertaken as part of the TIP development. The group discussed creating an interactive map to help better understand projects in the TIP, similar to what has been developed for the STIP. The group also discussed better representing impacts on EJ areas.

Cunningham explained how projects are included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a corridor-based plan, so the projects included in the plan are focused on regionally significant projects. There are corridor visions for 28 Regionally Significant Corridors, 12 Regional Transit Corridors, and 12 Regional Active Transportation Corridors. Priority corridors also inform the 10-Year Strategic List of Projects, specifically I-25, US34, US85, US287, SH14, and SH392. Cunningham highlighted US34 is included in the TIP, RTP, Call for Projects, and the 10-Year List of Projects.

MMOF Discussion

Cunningham reviewed the expanded MMOF funding source, for which the NFRMPO will hold a Call for Projects soon. Updates include the addition of a new goal related to greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Approximately \$15M will be available for the Call for Projects for Quantifiable GHG Reducing Projects and Non-Quantifiable GHG Reducing projects. Recommended scoring will be discussed with the NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their February 16, 2022, meeting. The group discussed how capacity expansion does not fit into the goals of MMOF and what types of bike and pedestrian projects do fit with the goals of MMOF.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next meeting date will be March 10, 2022.