

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

**March 3, 2022  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Voting Members Present:**

Will Karspeck – Chair	-Berthoud
Scott James – Vice Chair	-Weld County
Jeni Arndt	-Fort Collins
Frank Baszler	-Severance
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission
Mark Clark	-Evans
Lanie Isbell	-Eaton
Jon Mallo	-Loveland
Johnny Olson	-Greeley
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County
Dena Wojtach	-CDPHE-APCD

**Voting Members Absent:**

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor

**MPO Staff:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Allison Baxter, Bill Becker, Carrie Tremblatt, Charla Glendening, Dan Betts, Dean Klingner, Elizabeth Relford, Eric Tracy, Evan Pinkham, Heather Paddock, Jamie Grim, Jan Rowe, Jim Eussen, Josie Hadley, Katrina Kloberdanz, Katlyn Kelly, Mark Jackson, Myron Hora, Natalie Shishido, Omar Herrera, Paul Trombino, Randy Ready, Rich Christy, Robin Stoneman, Will Jones, Dave Klockeman

Chair Karspeck called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2022 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED* and *APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by Arndt 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)

Wojtach stated APCD will host additional listening sessions in April and May for ozone planning, established a Midstream Steering Committee, and will host community town hall sessions on the December 2021 AQCC Oil and Gas rulemaking. Three new members have been appointed to AQCC.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Bornhoft stated there has not been a decision yet on Weld County's motion for a judicial stay on the redesignation of northern Weld County as nonattainment for the 2015 ozone standard. EPA has filed a motion to dismiss Weld County's petition. NFRMPO staff are part of the State Interagency Consultation

Team and technical working groups to support development of procedures and guidelines for implementing the State's GHG Pollution Standard. Karspeck asked when a decision about the Weld County stay may be made. Bornhoft stated it is unknown but the NFRMPO needs to make a conformity determination by the end of the calendar year as it will be due.

## **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda**

Chair Karspeck opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

### **REPORTS:**

#### Report of the Chair

No report.

#### Executive Director Report

Mallette noted an updated Legislative Update was included in the handouts. HB22-1138 was postponed indefinitely but some features could be included in HB22-1026. Stephens asked if the funding for TMOs would be carried into HB22-1026. Mallette stated that has not been decided yet.

#### 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.

### **PRESENTATION:**

GHG Mitigation Measures – Rebecca White, CDOT Division of Transportation Development, summarized the process of the Greenhouse Gas Standard that Transportation Commission adopted in December 2021. CDOT is developing a process similar to the existing Ozone conformity. White stated CDOT staff is working on identifying mitigation measures to help the State meet greenhouse gas reduction budgets. Key questions CDOT staff is discussing is determining how to assign a score based on how much mitigation measures reduce greenhouse gas, over what time period, and how those can benefit Disproportionately Impacted Communities. CDOT has formed an Interagency Consultation Team (IACT) consisting of CDOT, CDPHE, CEO, and the five MPOs, and is looking for local government representatives. White expects this group to continue meeting into the future. CDOT has also established a Modeling Work Group and Mitigations Work Group, which will last at least through the Procedural Directive. CDOT has a statutory deadline to adopt the Mitigation Policy by May 1, 2022, which means a Policy must be ready by April for Transportation Commission (TC) to review. An updated Transportation Plan is required by October 1, 2022.

White noted CDOT is developing the Policy Directive, which seeks to explain the intent of mitigations and the process for scoring. Policy Directives must be approved by TC. The Procedural Directive can be approved by the CDOT Executive Director and includes the list of actual mitigation measures. CDOT staff is developing methods for analytical review based on research from around the country and input from IACT. White stated the feedback from members of IACT have noted the need to be open to new ideas and have a variety of options. CDOT staff is developing a Mitigation Action Plan and will produce annual reports going forward. Mallette asked if the draft Action Plan would be ready to discuss at the Planning Council meeting in April. White stated that should fit into the schedule with STAC and TC.

James noted land use is a power held by local governments. Bracke noted land use and transportation funding are intrinsically linked. Baszler asked for clarification on mitigation scoring. White stated the score would be based on location, size, and impact, and the score could help offset GHG emissions in DI Communities. Arndt asked if VMT is the best measure for GHG over time because of the rollout of EVs. White stated certain efforts like EV rollouts have a stronger impact in the short term but are less impactful on GHG reductions in later years.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

2021 Call for Projects – Cunningham explained the 2021 Call for Projects process for awarding funding for FY2024 and FY2025. Since the February 3, 2022 Planning Council meeting, the City of Greeley removed their *9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Enhancements* project. This funding allowed the Loveland *US34 EB Widening Construction* project and Evans *37<sup>th</sup> St Widening Phase 3* project to be fully funded.

JAMES **moved** to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06 *ADOPTING THE 2021 CALL FOR PROJECTS*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

FY2022 CMAQ and TA Funding Allocations – Cunningham noted NFRMPO staff receives quarterly reconciliations of CMAQ, TA, and STBG from CDOT. The most recent CDOT reconciliation identified \$361,360 unprogrammed FY2022 CMAQ funds, which can be used to fully fund the *Fort Collins College & Trilby Road Improvements* project. A reconciliation of TA funds noted a deficit in FY2023 TA funds of approximately \$13,643 and \$156,211 in unprogrammed STBG funds. Cunningham stated TA is a set-aside within the STBG program, and recommended transferring STBG funds to TA pool to fully fund TA projects.

MMOF Call for Projects Criteria – Cunningham reviewed updates to the MMOF program based on SB21-260. The NFRMPO has approximately \$15.4M to award to projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or improve multimodal options. Cunningham reviewed NFRMPO staff requests for set-asides, including *Location-Based Services (LBS) data for GHG modeling*, *TMO startup funds*, *RideNoCo sustainable funding*, and the next phase of *LinkNoCo*. Cunningham noted there is a new request from CDOT to exchange \$5M in FY2025 CMAQ funds set aside as part of the 2021 Call for Projects with \$5M in MMOF. The funding will be used for the SH56 Mobility Hub and the Park n Ride at SH 60 and will allow for funding to be reallocated toward improvements at Johnsons Corner. Cunningham stated the Call for Projects will open in May with funding awarded in August.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Transportation Commission – Bracke noted Sandra Solin presented federal funding opportunities and how to navigate grants to continue investing in I-25. Bracke stated she attended a Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce civic conversation about local transit. Bracke offered to meet members of Planning Council to act as an advocate at TC.

CDOT R4 Update – Paddock noted Region 4 is working through developing its 10-Year Plan, including coming to Planning Council in April to present projects in the NFRMPO region. Paddock stated the priorities have stayed the same. Progress continues on I-25, including the installation of the bridge girders at Kechter Road. Work on the bridge over the Little Thompson River, the Great Western Railroad bridge, and deck pouring at US34 will necessitate overnight closures of I-25. The northbound Port of Entry will move into its new facility in April, which means it will be closed. CDOT held its first meeting with Roadis, specifically about what could be financed. Paddock noted funding for I-25 Segment will be allocated money in the 10-Year Plan regardless of the P3.

STAC Report – A written report was provided.

I-25 Coalition – James stated the group continues to meet to discuss funding, and meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future.

Nonattainment Enterprise Committee – Stephens noted she was elected Chair and Commissioner Lynn Baca from Adams County was elected Vice-Chair. At their meeting, the Enterprise adopted Articles of Incorporation and Enterprise Bylaws, and approved loan documents for approximately \$75,000. The Enterprise Board is discussing setting fees on rideshares for \$0.225 on cars, \$0.1125 on rides provided in zero-emission vehicles, and \$0.007 on retail deliveries. The Board also discussed whether funding should be used just in Nonattainment areas or also include Maintenance Areas. The Enterprise Board decided to focus on the Nonattainment area.

Host Council Member Report – Stephens stated LCR70 between I-25 and LCR9 will be widened near the new landfill. The County is working on the last segment of the Poudre Trail in Larimer County, which will complete the trail between Fort Collins and Greeley once work is done on the I-25 crossing. LCR47 is being rebuilt from

damage sustained in the 2013 floods. Larimer County is also working on flood resiliency projects near Glenhaven due to the 2020 and 2021 wildfires.

**MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff