

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
April 20, 2022
1:05 – 3:31 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Allison Baxter, Vice Chair – Greeley
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Jessica Ferko – RAQC
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Josie Hadley – CDOT
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dave Klockeman – Loveland
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Adam Olinger – Berthoud
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County

Troy White – Johnstown

NFRMPO STAFF:

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

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Abdul Barzak – Severance
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Ranae Tunison – FTA
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Eric Bracke – Windsor
Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Michelle Johnson – GET
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Katlyn Kelly – Transfort
Kelly Leadbetter - FHU
Aaron Norton – Fort Collins
Jake O’Neal – CDOT
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Leiton Powell - GET
Jan Rowe – CDOT
Natalie Shishido - CDOT
Carrie Tremblatt – CDOT
Kelly Zuniga - Loveland

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2022 TAC MINUTES

Klockeman moved to approve the March 16, 2022 TAC minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Ferko stated RAQC is hosting a modeling forum on May 18, 2022. The SIP planning effort continues for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. Presentation and draft chapters are available on the RAQC website.

Bornhoft stated the EPA proposed reclassifying the region’s designation from Serious to Severe and Moderate to Serious for the two ozone standards. The new classifications will be effective later this year. Bornhoft also stated the judicial stay was denied for northern Weld County being added to the Nonattainment Area, so the NFRMPO is required to include the area in the conformity determination in 2022, which the NFRMPO will do in conjunction with the 2045 RTP update. Bornhoft stated the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy Directive is being discussed at the Transportation Commission at their April 2022 meeting, with adoption expected in May. The NFRMPO is concerned including technical details in the Policy Directive is too onerous. Bornhoft stated staff is continuing to work on the 2045 RTP update, which will be a discussion item at the May 2022 TAC meeting. Air Quality Awareness Week is May 2 through May 6, and the NFRMPO will be posting on social media. Relford asked if NFRMPO staff will bring a letter to Planning Council to provide comments on the Policy Directive, and Mallette stated NFRMPO staff has coordinated with the STAC representative and TC representative and agrees having the Council take a position would be helpful.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Tasks – Karasko stated NFRMPO staff has drafted tasks for the second year of the FY2022-2023 UPWP. The Finance Committee will review the budget at their April 21, 2022 meeting. The updated combined tasks/budget will go to the Planning Council at their May 5, 2022 meeting. The approved tasks and budget will be sent to FHWA/FTA/CDOT for review and approval. Karasko clarified the tasks that are being amended are for projects starting after October 1, 2022. Mallette noted the budget for the NFRMPO will increase from FY2022 and FY2023 because of increased funding from MMOF. Baxter moved to recommend Planning Council approve the FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program tasks. Relford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Cunningham noted the public comment period opened April 1, 2022 and will close May 3, 2022 for the FY2023-2026 TIP. Updates to the TIP since the March TAC meeting include clarifying how state funds and new funding programs fit into the TIP delay review process, updated EJ areas, and a link to a TIP project map showing all of the projects and reference layers. Recommendations from the NFRMPO Certification Review were added, including additional information about project selection and prioritization, Conformity Determination for TIP amendments, and additional details about the relationship between the TIP and STIP. The public hearing for conformity determination will happen prior to the Council meeting on May 5, 2022. Buckman moved to recommend Planning Council approve the FY2023-2026 TIP. Baxter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MMOF Call for Projects Criteria – Cunningham reviewed changes to the MMOF guidelines based on Planning Council feedback from their April 7, 2022 meeting. Planning Council requested transit projects

include a Sustainable Funding plan with their application. Cunningham noted there were no major changes for the project description or application. Some minor changes to the EJ Worksheet and Performance Measure Worksheet include only showing relevant performance measures. For example, CMAQ performance measures will not be included because non-CMAQ-funded projects are not included in the CMAQ Project Reporter and the NFRMPO cannot take credit toward meeting the target. A project applicant workshop is scheduled for May 9, 2022 to discuss potential projects, available data, and specifics about filling out the application and worksheets. Relford stated the performance measure worksheet is not helpful during the scoring process. Cunningham stated this worksheet informs the performance measure analysis in the TIP. Klockeman asked for more insight about how to properly score projects. Cunningham stated the MMOF Call for Projects is a quick turnaround between feedback from the 2021 Call for Projects, so some items are still being fleshed out. Klockeman moved to recommend Planning Council approve the MMOF Call for Projects Criteria. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task Amendment #1 – Karasko stated NFRMPO staff drafted a task for FY2022 for the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program, which focuses on development of a regional program. The task is budget neutral because it will use excess RideNoCo MMOF, originally awarded in 2020. Relford recommend updating the task to identify collaboration with the business community.

Regionally Significant Corridors (RSC) 2050 RTP Update – Gordon reviewed the definition for Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) and added the 2045 RTP states the need to connect two or more communities or activity centers, not three as shown in the presentation. TAC agreed to keep the definition consistent with the 2045 RTP. Relford recommended checking whose definition to use for roadway classification. TAC discussed the O Street/Crossroads Boulevard corridor because removing connections for O Street makes it hard to qualify under the definition. Relford explained the development pressures around O Street and Baxter proposed new connections. Baxter requested including the 4th Street Corridor with the updated definition. Relford recommended including US85 as a Regional Transit Corridor. Rowe stated CDOT is discussing transit on that corridor, but no decisions have been made. Gordon stated he will send out an updated set of Regional Corridors to get feedback prior to the May 18, 2022 TAC meeting.

2021 Call for Projects Follow Up – Cunningham reviewed the responses received from the survey asking for feedback on the 2021 Call for Projects and how the NFRMPO can improve future Calls for Projects. There were 10 responses, including multiple responses from some communities. Staff recommendations for future Calls include adjusting the timeline to allow for more time to review CMAQ emissions analysis and reviewing of final applications, holding a separate project applicant workshop, and standardizing data used by applicants to facilitate scoring. Klockeman clarified he would like an opportunity to ask project sponsors about their projects after they are submitted and prior to the Scoring Committee meeting. Relford asked to clarify which performance measures are federal and which are not. Relford asked if EJ or DI communities would be prioritized in project selection. Cunningham responded

that conversations would continue. TAC discussed and decided to continue the conversation about whether communities should request letters of support from elected officials or town/city administration. TAC also decided project sponsors could submit scores for their own project but those scores would not be included in the final ranking. Relford suggested including direct links to relevant information in plans to help score.

FHWA PM3 System Performance Updates – Cunningham stated the second performance period for FHWA is underway, and there are two new performance measures for which the NFRMPO need to set targets in conjunction with CDOT. These are required for transportation management areas (TMAs), meaning the targets will only be set for the Fort Collins TMA. The two performance measures are Non-SOV Travel and Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED). Staff considered Non-SOV Travel data from the American Community Survey and created two scenarios. CDOT recommended the more optimistic target, while TAC recommended moving forward with the current trend scenario. A CDOT consultant developed a model to forecast PHED to inform target setting. CDOT and NFRMPO recommend using the upper threshold for PHED target setting.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

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

Regional Transit Agencies – Kelly stated Transfort is showing their first Electric Bus on April 22, 2022 for Earth Day. The Bus will be at City Hall then move to Mountain and College in downtown Fort Collins.

Mobility Updates – A written report was provided.

REPORTS

April Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary – A written report was provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Cunningham noted there is an Off-Cycle TIP Amendment included in the TAC packet because it was expedited. Planning Council approved the TIP Amendment at their April 7, 2022 meeting, so this was included as an informational item for TAC.

Gordon requested pictures to include in the 2050 RTP.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 as a hybrid meeting.