



**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES**  
**April 26, 2022**  
**1:33 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

- Steve Teets, WAND
- Abdul Barzak, Town of Severance
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Robyn Upton, Greeley Citizens Bus Improvement Committee
- Chris Montoya, Adeo
- Margie Martinez, Weld County United Way
- Leiton Powell, GET
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Garrett Mumma, CO Div of Vocational Rehab
- Adriana Torres, Via Mobility Services
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Hanna Johnson

**2. Review of Agenda**

**3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)**

**4. Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Teets motioned to approve the February minutes. Barzak seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**WORKING GROUPS**

**1) Recruitment Working Group** – Schmitt, Ewert, Barzak, Martinez, Teets

- a. **Mission Statement established:** The Recruitment Working Group will coordinate strategies and activities to increase active membership in mobility committees.
- b. **Initial Steps:**
  - i. Make a spreadsheet of current LCMC/WCMC active and inactive members from distribution lists
  - ii. Focus on re-engaging existing members before turning attention to new members

**2) Outreach and Education Working Group** – Johnson, Seward, Powell, Bitzer, Mumma, Torres, Montoya

- a. **Mission Statement established:** The Outreach and Education Working Group will coordinate strategies and activities to increase awareness of transportation providers and programs in Larimer and Weld counties.
- b. **Initial Steps:**
  - i. Create a shared outreach and engagement calendar
  - ii. Share RideNoCo Media Package with partners

**3) Report out** – All



Both groups shared their next steps.

### **RIDENOCO UPDATES**

Schmitt gave an update about RideNoCo, including the following updates:

- 1) Trip Discovery Tool will be completed Summer 2022
- 2) The Trip Scheduling Steering Committee met for the first time March 31<sup>st</sup>. TransitPlus is facilitating the steering committee.
- 3) Northern Colorado Provider Inventory Survey:
  - a. Dual purpose:
    - i. Gain a better understanding of infrastructure and capacity in region across all transportation providers to aid in coordination of services and resources
    - ii. Share information with respective county offices of Emergency Management
  - b. Schmitt reviewed potential survey questions.
    - i. Martinez: Need to know capacity of each vehicle. Ask if providers would be available on-call in case of an emergency. Bounce survey questions off both Weld and Larimer Offices of Emergency Management to ensure it captures their informational needs. Under contact, request who a 24-hour contact person should be in the case of an emergency rather than general agency contact. Ask for addresses of vehicle lots rather than administrative address to be more useful in case of an emergency.
    - ii. Teets: Request information about special service populations like veterans, people with disabilities, etc. He suggested bouncing the survey off MPO officials.
    - iii. Bitzer: let them know who the primary contact should be in the case of an emergency response.
    - iv. Mumma: Ask providers where people can access information about services: website, phone, mobile application, brochures, etc. Make the “special services” question nuanced to include the variety of qualifications.
  - c. Schmitt asked if it would be onerous for transportation providers to fill this out.
    - i. Powell: GET is willing to fill this out. They already have a lot of this information on hand. If the questions can be condensed as much as possible, that would be helpful.

### **ACTION ITEM**

1) **2022 Regional Mobility Action Plan –**

Teets requested to learn more about Boulder County’s Coordinated Plan. Schmitt noted that the group could invite Angel Bond with Boulder County to present updates on the plan now that it is complete.

Ewert pointed out the need to change “Goal 9” to “Goal 7” on page 13. Ewert made a motion to adopt the plan with that change. Teets seconded the motion.



## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1) Rural Southwestern Weld County Project – Bitzer**

Bitzer shared updates regarding the Via Mobility pilot project in southwestern Weld County. The final data from the pilot are attached to the minutes. Via Mobility is working with Weld County to establish a funding stream to continue the service; currently a state MMOF funding source seems promising. Via can contribute approximately \$100,000 of its allocation of \$5311 funds towards the project, but with Hudson and Keenesburg wanting to join the project, 2 vehicles will be needed. The service costs approximately \$65-\$74 for a trip each way. Teets asked how Via's service in Broomfield is going, and Bitzer noted that their only service in Broomfield is to cover trips from [Easy Ride](#) into Boulder County when Easy Ride is unable to provide the service.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **2) Envision, Creative Support for People with Developmental Disabilities – Ewert**

Ewert with Envision shared details regarding their organization and services, including their transportation services for their clients. Envision is the Community Centered Board serving Weld County – they provide a single-entry point case management service for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Additionally, they provide direct services to their clients, including transportation. A federal ruling called “Conflict Free Case Management” will change the structure of Envision; their board will have to decide whether Envision will provide either case management services or direct services – they cannot provide both. Slides from this presentation are attached.

## **GREELEY EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES**

Powell shared that GET is in the process of many changes that he will be sharing more in-depth soon. Starting May 12<sup>th</sup> Routes 5 and 6 will return to pre-pandemic service levels of 20-minute headways. GET is currently down 4 positions, but they were originally down 14 positions 9 months ago, so they are seeing improvement overall. They will be at the Greeley Stampede Parade and the Winsor Harvest Festival to promote their services. A ridership survey will go out soon.

## **WCMC MEMBER UPDATES**

Teets shared that the Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities (WAND) is continuing to work on addressing issues related to housing and homeless, as well as surveying the Greeley community regarding a connection to the [UC Health Hospital](#) and [St. Michael's Square](#). He shared that the City of Greeley is having a meeting regarding housing and homelessness on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Greeley Downtown Recreation Center.

## **Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)**

## **Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions**

Teets requested a presentation and discussion item regarding IntelliRide.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. WCMC Meeting:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 PM – format TBD