

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

**June 2, 2022
Hybrid Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Will Karspeck -Chair	-Berthoud
Scott James – Vice Chair	-Weld County
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission
Frank Baszler	-Severance
Tricia Canonico	-Fort Collins
Mark Clark	-Evans
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Liz Heid	-Eaton
Jon Mallo	-Loveland
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Johnny Olson	-Greeley
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County

Voting Members Absent:

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor
Dena Wojtach	-CDPHE-APCD

MPO Staff:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner III; Medora Bornhoft, Transportation and Air Quality Planner III

In Attendance: Cooper Anderson; Rich Christy; Jim Eussen; Josie Hadley; Myron Hora; Mark Jackson; Will Jones; Bhooshan Karnik; Dean Klingner; Dave Klockeman; Jason Licon; Heather Paddock; Elizabeth Relford; Robin Stoneman

Chair Karspeck called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment:

No public comment was provided.

Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes

Olson moved to *APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2022 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED* and *APPROVE THE MAY 5, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was seconded by Stephens 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)

A written report was provided.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Bornhoft reviewed the Policy Directive from Transportation Commission approved at their May 2022 meeting. Changes incorporated included local data instead of standard inputs; mitigation efforts outside of the approved list through an approved process; and allow local government actions as mitigation efforts. SB260 requires the NFRMPO to update the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by October 2022 in compliance with the GHG rule. Bornhoft reviewed initial modeling results, which shows improvements relative to future forecasted GHG emissions. Expected strategies and mitigation achieve a portion of the reductions but more actions are needed. Funding could be impacted by not meeting the GHG budget reductions.

Olson asked if the model has been completed and cleaned. Bornhoft stated the modeling is done using the NFRMPO's Regional Travel Demand Model. Olson asked if there could be a scenario where all NFRMPO funding was focused on transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Bornhoft stated this was a scenario run in the 2045 RTP, and land use had a greater impact than transportation investments. Olson clarified the policy around including local projects as mitigation efforts to achieve the reduction targets. Mallo asked how often progress will be reviewed. Bracke stated there are processes in place to review progress along the way. James asked to clarify how land use is modeled. Bornhoft stated a scenario was run for high density in urban core areas and doubled the constraints to allow more density.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Report of the Chair

Karspeck stated he attended the Front Range Passenger Rail District meeting, where they elected a Chair and Vice Chair, created a steering committee on legal advice, and discussed needs to set up the district. Karspeck noted the regional concerns around geography because the Rail District could tax Greeley and Weld County residents without providing service. Olson added that the Rail District is separate from CDOT, which will come with new administrative burdens.

Executive Director Report

Malette noted the LinkNoCo Online Open House meeting is open through June 14, 2022 at linknoco.com, and asked Councilmembers to share this with their networks. Mallette noted there will be a Port of Entry event on June 14, 2022.

TAC

A written report was provided.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

Finance

A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Gordon stated the Executive Committee approved a one-year pilot of a Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which occurred between May 2021 and May 2022. NFRMPO staff held a one-year-in-review meeting at the May 2022 CAC meeting. Members highlighted education on NFRMPO programs, funding, and processes as the most beneficial aspect. NFRMPO staff recommended continuing the CAC into the future. Councilmembers discussed extending the CAC for another year and offered

suggestions to get members more involved. Examples include field trips and providing local government context.

Performance Report for the 2019 Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Bornhoft reviewed the 2019 CMP Performance Report, stating the NFRMPO must periodically assess progress toward achieving strategies and performance measures set out in the CMP. Four performance measures are trending in a positive direction, while three are trending negative. The CMP will be updated in 2023. James asked how often data will be reviewed. Bornhoft stated previous efforts were annual, but NFRMPO staff can review more often.

PRESENTATION:

Northern Colorado Airports Updates

Jason Licon, NoCo Regional Airport, presented on the status of the NoCo Regional Airport, which has about 100,000 to 125,000 takeoffs and landings per year. NoCo Regional Airport is one of 12 certified for commercial operations in Colorado. The Remote Air Traffic Control is being tested at the airport, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be out for the next two to three years for operational testing. Licon expects the new airport terminal to be under construction in 2023. The airport is undergoing private investment in hangars and facilities, education, and technical opportunities. Growth is happening with the United/Landline bus to Denver, with the airport hoping to add security to make the service more appealing. COLT is working on a potential transit route to connect Centerra and the Airport. Business hangars, education, and training are the focus for the airport. Licon noted about 5,000 people drive from Northern Colorado to the Denver International Airport every day. Clark asked about the impact to general aviation, and Licon responded there is available land to develop for general aviation. Bracke asked if the airport is preparing for future airport technology. Licon stated the airport is working with different businesses and staying aware of what is happening.

Cooper Anderson, Greeley-Weld County Airport, stated the airport is a separate agency with representation from Greeley and Weld County. The airport focuses on general aviation and business travel. There are two runways with precision approaches. The airport froze rates, reduced costs, and addressed effects on tenants in response to Covid-19. The airport is investing in solar farms, increasing non-aeronautical revenues. There is a waitlist for new hangars. The airport is working on a runway rehabilitation and taxi lane additions as well as identifying ways to expand and update hangars throughout the property. The airport is discussing with Greeley the opportunity for public/private partnerships expanding hangars and businesses. The airport is also continuing to work on pavement maintenance and identify future development areas.

James asked how aviation fits into freight movement. Anderson noted the Greeley-Weld County Airport has weight limits, which limits cargo, but is located along Weld County Road 49 and can deliver to the Denver region within 45 minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

James moved to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. The motion was seconded by Stephens and passed unanimously. The consent agenda included two items:

- FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task Amendment #1, Resolution No. 2022-16
- FHWA PM3 System Performance Updates, Resolution No. 2022-17

ACTION ITEMS:

May 2022 TIP Amendment

Karasko stated there are two revision requests from Loveland and CDOT for the *CNG Fast Fill Stations* project and the *North I-25: Design Build* project related to the Buy America waiver program.

James moved to approve the *RESOLUTION 2022-18 APPROVING THE MAY 2022 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)*. The motion was seconded by Olson and passed unanimously.

Executive Director Contract

Clark stated the HR Committee discussed the extension of Director Mallette's contract through the end of 2023. No HR Committee members had any issues.

James moved to approve the *FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT*. The motion was seconded by Stephens and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director Authority – Mallette stated there was a resolution from 2001 allowing the Executive Director to sign on behalf of the Planning Council. Mallette noted FHWA requested the Planning Council give explicit permission to the Executive Director for the Certifications and Assurances and execute contracts for any monetary amount. Council advised to update the entirety of the resolution.

2050 RTP Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) Updates – Gordon reviewed the 2050 RTP regional corridors. Councilmembers recommended including a Regional Transit Connection (RTC) to Estes Park. Gordon will update the maps to include this corridor.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission – Bracke reviewed progress on I-25 and the discussion and approval of additional funding for Bustang expansion.

CDOT R4 Update – Paddock stated CDOT received the PPP proposal from Roadis and will take the next few months to review the document. CDOT is recommending \$98M in 10-Year Plan funds for Segment 5. Construction on Segments 7 and 8 are around 80 percent complete. Segment 6 is around 50 percent complete. Completion is expected by late 2023 or early 2024. Paddock noted the importance of investing in fiber.

STAC Report – A written report was provided.

I-25 Coalition – Relford distributed follow-up items from the previous meeting.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Stephens noted there is a draft 10-Year Plan on the Enterprise's website for review, and NAAPME will adopt the plan in late June. The Enterprise expects there to be about \$6M in funds available for projects in FY2022-2023, and gradually increasing each year. Outreach has occurred over the last month, including a virtual meeting. The Board will be meeting more than quarterly.

Host Council Member Report – LaSalle has been working on addressing old bridges in town including receiving funds from CDOT. New commercial development is occurring along US85.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff