

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting  
June 15, 2022  
1:01– 2:30 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County  
Abdul Barzak – Severance  
Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Brad Buckman- Fort Collins  
Jessica Ferko – RAQC  
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath  
Josie Hadley – CDOT  
Omar Herrera – Windsor  
Will Jones – Greeley Alternate  
Dave Klockeman – Loveland  
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:**

Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans  
Adam Olinger – Berthoud  
Ranae Tunison – FTA  
Town of LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kimberly Baker – LCDHE  
Bethany Clark – Loveland  
Alex Donaldson – Loveland  
Aaron Fodge – CSU  
Candice Folkers – COLT  
Katie Guthrie – Loveland  
Tamara Keefe – FHU  
Katlyn Kelly – Fort Collins  
Aaron Norton – Fort Collins  
Evan Pinkham – Weld County  
Leiton Powell – GET  
Carrie Tremblatt – CDOT  
Liz Young-Winne – CDPHE

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE May 18, 2022 TAC MINUTES**

Buckman moved to approve the May 18, 2022, TAC minutes. Jones seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Ferko noted RAQC will be proposing the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to the RAQC board at their July meeting. The RAQC board will vote on the SIP in August and propose the SIP for rulemaking in September.

Bornhoft noted that the GHG policy directive was approved in May, and this month there is an additional amendment that is being considered by the Transportation Commission (TC). Several of the proposed changes in the amendment are supported by NFRMPO staff. The changes included increasing the emission factors for light duty vehicles resulting in almost all mitigation factors being more effective. Another change will allow MPOs and CDOT to account for population growth in the future when looking at measures that are based on density. All approved changes will be in effect for the mitigation measure policy directive that could be used for GHG compliance demonstrations due by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**No items this month.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**2022 TAC Vice-Chair Election** – Chair Tracy opened the floor for nominations. The Vice-Chair must be from a Weld County community. Alternates cannot be elected as Vice-Chair. The newly elected Vice-Chair will only serve until the end of the year. Klockeman will chair the July TAC meeting in Chair Tracy's absence. There were no nominations for the position and TAC determined the election will be postponed to the July meeting. Klockeman moved to delay the Vice-Chair Election. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**2050 RTP Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) Update** – Discussion was brought to Council in June based off discussions at TAC in May. Council recommended adding a Regional Transit Corridor (RTC) from Estes Park to Loveland to consider travel between the communities which affects the MPO region, which has been incorporated. Buckman moved to recommend Council approval. Jones seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Active and Connected: Planning's Relationship to Health** – Liz Young-Winne, CDPHE, provided an overview of the relationship between the public health field and planning. Incorporating public health professionals can bring in additional perspectives to urban planning and transportation planning issues. Young-Winne noted the focus of the Built Environment Team is the social determinants of health and how they are impacted by physical, social, and economic contexts.

Young-Winne highlighted the built environment approach to combine interventions from two major categories: Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Systems and Land Use and Environmental Design. Similar to planning, Public Health Experts leverage relationships and use a data driven approach to address major challenges. When there are safe and accessible transportation systems, it allows everyone to be able to access services. One engagement strategy that can be used is a walk audit which can also gather data to help determine built environment needs and identify community values.

Kimberly Baker, LCDHE, outlined how the LCDHE uses asset-based community development and works with community members to tap into built-in knowledge of their communities. One thing that is important to LCDHE is to close the feedback loop by returning to the community and let them know

what they did with the gathered information and receive feedback on the process. Public health officials have access to data that is not necessarily used in long range planning, but they have major impacts on the health of their communities. They also have considerable reach and relationships with community members. LCHDE uses community champions to incorporate traditionally underprivileged communities. The trust that is built with communities is essential. LCDHE is looking forward to additional partnerships with communities. Klockeman encouraged TAC members to engage with Baker and Young-Winne.

Tracy asked, from the state's perspective, if there are things going on in other parts of the state that communities are missing out on in Northern Colorado? Young-Winne will provide staff with more information.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2045 RTP Update and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis** – Bornhoft noted the NFRMPO must update the RTP by October 1<sup>st</sup> to follow new GHG standards. NFRMPO is moving to either have a special Planning Council meeting for adoption in late September or adopt at the October meeting to align the NFRMPO schedule with DRCOG and CDOT. With the new schedule, staff will be bringing a draft plan to TAC in August and in September for Council with TAC action in September and Council action by early October.

The NFRMPO has been doing additional work with DRCOG and CDOT and added a few more strategies including transit improvements and signal timing. Reduction levels are being met for 2030. Staff have been doing some work in 2025 and that is looking promising. 2040 and 2050 will need additional strategies.

Buckman asked what new strategies were not previously included. Bornhoft noted the new strategies include improved transit services, arterial signal timing improvements, and changes to the local bicycle and pedestrian network. Buckman asked how the model was changed for bike/ped. Bornhoft stated that change include adjusting some of the parameters and constants around how people are choosing to make different mode choices including the increased adoption of e-bikes and scooters. There was also a bike/ped constant that needed to be adjusted.

**US34 Widening Projects Funding Exchange** – Cunningham outlined the City of Loveland's request to transfer STBG funds from one US34 project to another. There are three projects that were awarded funding in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 Calls for projects for portions of the US34 widening project. The City of Loveland has requested transferring remaining unencumbered funds from the *US 34 (Eisenhower Blvd) Widening—Boise Ave. to I-25* project to the *US 34 Widening - Boise to Rocky Mountain Ave* project. Due to an IGA amendment not being completed by CDOT, the City of Loveland utilized local overmatch to complete the *US 34 (Eisenhower Blvd) Widening—Boise Ave. to I-25* project instead of obligating the remaining STBG funds awarded the project. Transferring the \$735K unencumbered STBG funds to the *US 34 Widening - Boise to Rocky Mountain Ave.* project will make up for the additional overmatch the City contributed. If TAC agrees to this, the funding exchange will be part of the July TIP Amendment.

Buckman asked if Loveland has seen inflationary pressures on the project. Klockeman stated additional expenses due to inflation were covered with additional overmatch.

Jones supported the revision, noting these funds were meant for Loveland and would stay in Loveland.

TAC recommends moving this forward for the July TIP amendment.

**2022 MMOF Call for Projects** – Cunningham reviewed the MMOF goals and stated the NFRMPO received 12 applications for MMOF funding. The NFRMPO had approximately \$9.9M to award following the Council approved set asides. There was about \$7.4M available under Category A with \$15.5M in funding requested and \$2.5M available under Category B with \$1.8M in funding requested.

The Scoring Committee recommended awarding remaining funds from Category B to Category A projects. For Category A, the Scoring Committee recommended fully funding two projects, partially funding four projects, and not funding three projects. For Category B, the Scoring Committee recommended fully funding all three projects. The remaining funding for partially funded projects will be waitlisted.

Klockeman noted that the process was productive with tough questions asked and resulted in funding a wide variety of projects. Everyone’s effort and attention to the process is appreciated. Buckman agreed.

Cunningham outlined the next steps including project sponsor presentations to Council at their July 7, 2022, meeting. TAC action will be at the July meeting, and Council action will be at their August meeting.

### **OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS**

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

**Regional Transit Agencies** – None this month.

**Mobility Updates** – Schmitt stated the trip planning tool has entered the testing phase. This tool brings together COLT, GET, Transfort, Bustang, BATS, and volunteer transit services. Concurrently, there has been a trip scheduling steering committee composed of different transit providers and human service organizations to guide technology implementation for the trip scheduling software and discuss foundational elements to make it easier for transit providers to communicate on trip scheduling platforms.

### **REPORTS**

**June 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**

Gordon noted the Model Steering Team meeting is Monday, June 20. TAC is encouraged to let Staff know if they would like to attend or if there are any questions. Cunningham stated that the next Safety Data Working Group will discuss the Bike and Ped Safety Reporting Tool. Cunningham noted the tool was used during the Foothills Mall area walk audit. White reported two and a half miles of High Plains Boulevard is under construction by development. Buckman noted Fort Collins has a new City Traffic Engineer. Klockeman stated the City of Loveland is looking for a new

City Engineer. Jones noted city officials are in Washington D.C. to meet with the Deputy Transportation Secretary to discuss the MERGE project. Greeley has a new Deputy City Engineer. Karasko received the local match estimates for 2023 and will share them with TAC members. Herrera stated construction has begun on SH392 which will be expanded to four lanes. Pinkham stated construction is continuing on the 36<sup>th</sup> and O Street roundabout. Design work is underway for a roundabout at CR74 and CR33 and an additional roundabout at CR31. Weld County has a new Director of Public Works.

**MEETING WRAP-UP**

**Final Public Comment** – There was no final public comment.

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions** – Having a discussion on public outreach. MPO will be updating the PIP. Safe Streets funding discussion.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, as a hybrid meeting.**