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To: North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: Monthly Meeting Briefing Memo

**Announcements:**

The RAQC **welcomes** five new Members to the Board, including one Member from the North Front Range region:

- **Wendy Koenig** is the Mayor of Estes Park to serve as a representative of Larimer County.
- Margo Melendez is a Town Trustee for the Town of Bow Mar to serve as a representative of local government.
- Grace Rink is the Chief Climate Officer for the City of Denver to serve as a representative of local government.
- Lynn Guissinger is a Board Member of the Regional Transportation District to serve as a representative of transportation management agencies.
- Michael Leccese recently retired from the Urban Land Institute to serve as a representative with land use planning experience.

Nine Board Member were **re-appointed** to new terms, including three Members from the North Front Range region:

- **Kristen Stephens** as a Larimer County Commissioner to serve as a representative of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- **Ally Johnson** as a City Council Member for the City of Evans to serve as a representative of Weld County.
- **Jeff Collett** to serve as a representative with environmental science experience.
- Mike Foote as Chair to serve as a representative of broad public interest.
- Ryan Hurst to serve as a representative of an automotive-related business.
- Steven Arnold to serve as a representative of broad public interest.
- Bill Holen as an Arapahoe County Commissioner to serve as a representative of local government.

- Doug Rex to serve as a representative of the Denver Regional Council of Governments.
- Susan Wood to serve as a representative of the Regional Transportation District.

The RAQC says **farewell** to five Board Members and thanks them for their service, including one Member from the North Front Range region:

- **Will Karspeck** from the Town of Berthoud/Larimer County.
- Jackie Millet from the City of Lone Tree/Douglas County.
- Kendra Black from the City of and County of Denver.
- Kathleen Bracke from Go Boulder Community Transit Network.
- Marsha Kohler from Windward Design/Build.

### **Ozone SIP Development**

The final draft plan for both ozone standards, **2008: 75 parts per billion and 2015: 70 parts per billion**, will be presented in its entirety to the Board at its July 8 monthly meeting.

The Board has received preview presentations for each chapter over the past six months, and now it's time to review the complete package, as follows:

SIP Element	2015 NAAQS Submittal (Moderate)	2008 NAAQS Submittal (Severe)
Ch. 1 Background	X	X
Ch. 2 Monitoring Network	X	X
Ch. 3 Base Year/Milestone Emissions Inventory (EI)	X	X
Ch. 4 Attainment Year EI & Reasonable Further Progress	X	X
Ch. 5 Attainment Demonstration & Weight of Evidence	X	X
Ch. 6 Reasonably Available Control Technology	X	X
Ch. 7 Reasonably Available Control Measures	X	X
Ch. 8 Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance	X	X
Ch. 9 Nonattainment/New Source Review Program	X	X
Ch. 10 Contingency Measures	X	X
Ch. 11 MVEB & Transportation Conformity	X	X
Ch. 12 Clean Fuel Fleets Program	NA	X
Ch. 13 Vehicle Miles Traveled Offsets	NA	X
Ch. 14 Major Source Penalty Fee	NA	X
Ch. 15 Reformulated Gasoline	NA	X



All of these plan elements are necessary to meet State and federal requirements.

What will be most important for the RAQC are the projections that:

- the region can comply with the less stringent 75 ppb standard by the mandatory 2027 due date with the present and planned emission control strategies;
- the region cannot comply with the more stringent 70 ppb standard by the mandatory 2024 due date, nor is compliance projected by 2027.

The plan will acknowledge this shortcoming, which will mandate the implementation of even more measures in the coming years so that we can actually attain both ozone standards by 2027.

By the July 8 Board meeting, the draft plan will be available to all Board Members and the public through the RAQC's website.

### **Ozone Season Update**

Summertime ozone season is in full swing, and we have experienced exceedance-level ozone conditions on at least 10 different days so far. All five North Front Range monitoring locations have recorded exceedances on three different days. RAQC staff will provide the latest numbers and review the implications during the July and all upcoming Board meetings.

### **Mow Down Pollution**

The 2022 Mow Down Pollution Program started with a bang as all available \$150 vouchers were quickly claimed. Most residents have recycled their old gas-powered mowers and cashed in vouchers for new electric mowers from Ace Hardware. Combining the small number of unredeemed vouchers with some new-found resources, the RAQC is considering re-opening the program for new applications; the latest update will be provided at the July Board meeting.

Additionally, RAQC staff is developing a public sector lawn and garden equipment electrification initiative, generously funded by the State in the amount of \$1.5 million over the next two years. Input from the State and local agencies, as well as from equipment providers, is being sought in order to craft an attractive and effective incentive program.



## Central Arkansas interCity Leadership Visit Itinerary DRAFT for August 16-19, 2022

### Details:

- 25-30 attendees (+10-12 spouses)
- **Hotel Accommodations:** Marriott (32 rooms confirmed for 3 nights – can reduce by 20%)

### Programming Themes:

- Bike Culture
- Greenways (trails/connectivity)
- Redevelopment of Downtown districts
- Place: vibe, history, river use, tourism

### Subthemes/Interests:

- improvements/alleys
- breweries
- attracting commercial
- regulation
- traffic management
- traffic calming

*Note: Fort Collins expanded its bike network by 50% by*

*implementing road diets/traffic calming/bike boulevards in residential areas. Would like to visit some locations.*

- wayfinding (grant to cities for trail wayfinding)
- small cities/communities
- transit (funding - established tax/political support) How did Fort Collins rally region for support? What was in it

<b>8/16/22 TUESDAY</b>		
3:30	Hotel check-in	Marriott 350 E. Horsetooth Road
5:30	Dinner downtown	Ginger & Baker Community welcome - local greeters  Possible welcome from Ginger/Jack Graham – story of building and renovation  Tour of building

<b>8/17/22 WEDNESDAY</b>		
8:15 am	Travel to Downtown Fort Collins	Community Room at <a href="#">Elevations Credit Union</a> 221 E. Mountain Avenue
9:00 am	Welcome to Fort Collins & Northern Colorado	Introduction to Central Arkansas MPO team & welcome to group/why NOCO /overview of key themes (10 min)  Welcome/Community Snapshot by regional leadership (10 min)  NOCO Regional overview - Aaron Fodge (CSU) (35 minutes)
10:00 am	The Poudre River and Poudre Trail	PANEL DISCUSSION (3-4 panelists; 10 mins each w/ prepared questions; 20 min for Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● History &amp; Culture (private property, 2 counties, multiple municipalities, 100s of owners, 40+ miles)</li> <li>● The Poudre Trail (transportation) - Underpass with CDOT and expansion of interstate</li> <li>● Kayak Park (recreation)</li> <li>● CSU Powerhouse (economic development)</li> </ul>

11:00 am	Explore	Shuttle to the <a href="#">Kayak Park</a> & <a href="#">CSU Powerhouse</a> .  Option 1: Explore Kayak Park & trail. Option 2: Visit Powerhouse.
12:00 pm	Casual Lunch at varied locations	Drop off group at Transit Center. Invite lunch hosts to meet us there. Walk to lunch through the alley.  Small group breakout to lunch locations with local hosts. Walkabout to see interesting parts of downtown including alleyways, historical spaces. 4 small groups. (45 min lunch/45 min tour)  Local Hosts – economic health/business, activation/culture, civic engagement (CPIO), transportation.
1:30 pm	Downtown – a redevelopment profile	Community Room at Elevations Credit Union 221 E. Mountain Avenue
2:15 pm	Culture – The Secret Sauce	Rotating tables with presenters sharing insight and conversation  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Music District / FoCoMx.FoCoMA</li> <li>● BIKES</li> <li>● Art in Public Places, City of Fort Collins</li> <li>● DDA marketing and events</li> <li>● Creative District</li> </ul>
3:45 pm	Local Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on regionalism – <b>cultivating</b> regional leaders</li> <li>○ Benefits to area</li> <li>○ <b>Collaboration</b> between local leaders, NFRMPO, and CDOT</li> <li>○ Bikeways priority</li> <li>○ I-25 investments</li> <li>○ Advocacy</li> </ul>

4:30 pm	Brewery, music and food trucks	Tour of <a href="#">Odell's Brewery</a> (estimate up to 15 participants)  <i>Invite NFRMPO board to attend at 5pm to meet group</i>
	Dinner on your own	Share recommendations for dinner / drive through mountains Close to hotel – harmony corridor – downtown
<b>SIDE TRIP FOR SPOUSES</b> 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Estes Park	Drive to Estes Park for lunch and downtown exploration.  Possible stop in Loveland on way back to visit bronze foundries (time permitting).

<b>8/18/22 THURSDAY</b>		
8:00 am	Northern Colorado tour	
8:30 am	Severance	elected official perspective on collaboration and infrastructure projects - invite Severance Mayor Matt Fries
9:00 am	Wayfinding	MPO funded wayfinding efforts for the region
9:30 am	Great Western Trail	Rails to trails project - connecting rural communities to Windsor, regionally significance
10:30 am	Bike Collaborative	
11:00 am	Lunch Downtown Windsor	With city planners and stakeholders from Windsor/Severance

1:00 pm	Travel time back to Fort Collins	
1:30 pm	Get in the Saddle (two hour experience)	Guided Bike Ride to Showcase: MAX, building design for intentional inclusion, Underpass to Trial Gardens, Laurel Stop (bike preemption), Remington Bikeway, Pitkin, Roundabout at Morgan Library  <i>Non-riders will be shuttled to key stopping points along the route so they can still hear the discussions around bicycle infrastructure.</i>
3:30 pm	Break	Time at the hotel/shopping downtown
4:30 pm	Travel to Downtown	
5:00 pm	Closing Reception	Agave Room at The Rio Invite all local hosts, guides and speakers
6:00 pm	Facilitated Debrief	Facilitated Debrief
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own	Optional: Enjoy music in Old Town Square

<b>8/19/22 FRIDAY</b>		
8:00 am	Explore the Outdoors (optional)	West Fort Collins & Horsetooth Reservoir/mountain park (60-90 minutes)
	Return to Arkansas	





**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES**  
**June 28, 2022**  
**1:32 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
  - Brad Taylor, Connections for Independent Living
  - Evan Pinkham, Weld County Public Works
  - Chris Montoya, Adeo
  - Margie Martinez, United Way of Weld County
  - Leiton Powell, GET
  - Jasmine Garrison, United Way of Weld County
  - Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
  - Olga Marie Gonzalez, WCDPHE
  - Chloe Grant, Boulder County Mobility For All
- NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Hanna Johnson, Sheereen Ibtesam

**2. Review of Agenda**

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

Teets wanted to share that traffic on Harmony Road between Fort Collins and Eaton has gotten bad, along with Highway 392 as well. He would like to see a route along that road. Schmitt mentioned that Harmony Road/WCR74 was one of the corridors for premium transit identified in the LinkNoCo study.

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

Bedingfield motioned to approve the February minutes. Ewert seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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**PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

**1) United Way Aging Well Collective Impact**

Garrison

Garrison shared the Aging Well Collective Impact working group Age-Friendly Communities Assessment Results. The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities was launched in 2012; the goal was to make communities more livable for people 50 and older, and in doing so, communities will become more livable to all. There are 8 domains of livability, including transportation. AARP engages in a 5-year cycle approach; the first year is the application and community assessment process along with developing an action plan for the next 3 years.

Weld County did a county-wide assessment for this Age-Friendly Communities project in August of 2021. This community assessment was available in English and Spanish. Roughly 50% of responses were from Greeley/Evans. In October there were 5 listening sessions; 1 in Spanish only, and 1 was hosted at the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado.



Within this assessment, Housing, Transportation, Communication, and Health and Community Supports were the top issue areas. There were 6 transportation related topics identified in listening sessions. The survey included 16 transportation-related questions including sidewalks, speed limits, etc. Garrison shared a [Google Doc](#) that has all the data related to the public outreach for this project. She notes that the top issues identified through this outreach effort were regarding timeliness and accessibility for public transit, audio/visual pedestrian crossings.

Of the top 10 “worst rated” areas, five were related to transportation. Garrison provided a link for people interested in participating in an [Age-Friendly Community domain working group](#). She noted that the efforts of this Transportation-specific Age-Friendly Community Action Plan can also align with WCMC efforts. Powell requested that Jazz share this data with GET to share with their consultants. She will share the raw data with them.

### **RIDENOCO UPDATE**

Schmitt shared updates regarding RideNoCo, as outlined in the slides. Sheereen Ibtesam introduced herself as the new AmeriCorps VISTA Outreach Specialist. She will serve in this position from June 2022 through June 2023. The Trip Discovery Tool is in the beta testing mode right now; this should be finished prior to the end of July or August. This tool includes 60+ Ride, SAINT, and RAFT as transportation providers in addition to standard public transit providers. Additionally, the Trip Scheduling Steering Committee has been informing how providers can use technology to increase coordination among partners. Initial themes from this group include:

- A majority of providers are happy with their current software (60+ Ride) or are getting something tailored to their agency (GET)
- The focus of trip scheduling software needs to be on meeting the needs of RideNoCo, N40MA, and RAFT
- What is the role of RideNoCo in the short vs. long term?

Schmitt shared information regarding the Northern Colorado Transportation Provider Inventory Survey. Staff has revised the survey based on feedback from previous meetings. Schmitt walked through the proposed survey and requested feedback from the group. Bedingfield noted that “pick-up truck” and “SUV” could be added, or “personal vehicle”; additionally, “high profile,” “medium profile,” and “low profile” are important data points for volunteer driver programs. Ewert and Ewert would like to note wheelchair specific vehicles.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **2) August Meeting Date**

All

Current date of 8/30 is 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month and not 4<sup>th</sup>

Most people voiced that either date or keep it the 30<sup>th</sup>. Powell made the motion to keep the August 30<sup>th</sup> date, and Martinez seconded that motion.



Teets asked if we would have our next meeting as virtual, hybrid, or in person. Teets likes hybrid. Bedingfield has adjusted to virtual but likes the joint meetings as hybrid. Barzak notes that virtual options allows him to participate.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 3) Shared Resource Library

Johnson

Johnson requested feedback regarding the Shared Resource Library. She shared that the platform would be Google Drive and asked the group how documents should be named. Bedingfield noted that having the year and month as the first part of the document name format would be best (i.e. "2022\_06\_Document\_Agency.pdf").

The group agreed that a "shared use agreement" would be a helpful way to ensure people are comfortable sharing documents. The group would like staff to focus on "internal" facing documents first and add the "external" portions at a later time. A few suggestions of "use agreements" included:

- Each agency having an updated contact listed in the library so contacts can reach out to ask if they can use their documents
- Adding documents as a PDF or other non-editable format, and then agencies can request an editable format (word, etc.) if they would like to use the other agency's document
- Having a separate folder for "external facing documents" that could be shared with the group.
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## WORK GROUPS

### 4) Recruitment Working Group – all

- a. **Mission Statement established:** The Recruitment Working Group will coordinate strategies and activities to increase active membership in mobility committees.
- b. **Discussion:**
  - i. Ensure that re-engagement involves a conversation that can catch folks up to what the WCMC is doing, listen to the transportation needs of their agency, and what their agency can contribute to WCMC
- c. **Completed Steps:**
  - i. Make a spreadsheet of current LCMC/WCMC active and inactive members from distribution lists – Completed
- d. **Next Steps:**
  - i. Bedingfield noted that Shawna with North Range Behavioral Health could be a good contact to re-engage someone from that agency. She noted that she could reach out to her.
  - ii. Ewert volunteered to reach out to Arc of Weld County.

### 2) Outreach and Education Working Group – all



- 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. **Completed Steps:**
  - i. Create shared outreach calendar
- c. **Next Steps:**
  - i. Share outreach calendar with group
  - ii. Work with Windsor Harvest Event organizers to see if GET, 60+ Ride, and NFRMPO could have booths near one another.

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

None.

#### **WCMC MEMBER UPDATES**

Martinez announced that the 2022 Weld Project Connect is October 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:30 pm; doors close at 5:30pm.

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

None.

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

None.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

1. **Next Meeting: August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022– 1:30-3 pm**