

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

**July 7, 2022  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Voting Members Present:**

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| Will Karspeck -Chair     | -Berthoud       |
| Scott James – Vice Chair | -Weld County    |
| Jeni Arndt               | -Fort Collins   |
| Elizabeth Austin         | -Milliken       |
| Frank Baszler            | -Severance      |
| Mark Clark               | -Evans          |
| Liz Heid                 | -Eaton          |
| Jon Mallo                | -Loveland       |
| Troy Mellon              | -Johnstown      |
| Johnny Olson             | -Greeley        |
| Kristin Stephens         | -Larimer County |

**Voting Members Absent:**

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| Fil Archuleta   | -Garden City               |
| Kathleen Bracke | -Transportation Commission |
| Paula Cochran   | -LaSalle                   |
| Lisa Laake      | -Timnath                   |
| Paul Rennemeyer | -Windsor                   |

**MPO Staff:**

**Suzette Mallette**, Executive Director; **Becky Karasko**, Transportation Planning Director; **Cory Schmitt**, Mobility Manager; **Alex Gordon**, Transportation Planner III; **AnnaRose Cunningham**, Transportation Planner II; **Jerome Rouser**, Transportation Planner I

**In Attendance:** Jenn Almstead; Dan Betts; Brad Buckman; Michael Cheroutes; Rich Christy; Bethany Clark; Robert Dahill; Dan Dean; Simon Duranceau; Jim Eussen; Candice Folkers; David Hansen; Omar Herrera; Myron Hora; Mark Jackson; Will Jones; Bhooshan Karnik; Katlyn Kelly; Dean Klingner; Katrina Kloberdanz; Dave Klockeman; Aaron Norton; Heather Paddock; Mark Peterson; Evan Pinkham; Elizabeth Relford; Jan Rowe; Erik Sabina; Paul Trombino III; Troy White; Barry Wilson; Steven Younkin

Chair Karspeck called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment was provided.

**Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE JULY 7, 2022 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by Olson 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)

No report was provided.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

A written report was provided.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda**

Chair Karspeck opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS:**

Report of the Chair

Karspeck welcomed new Planning Council members.

Executive Director Report

Mallette discussed the 2022 Federal Certification Review for the NFRMPO and mentioned the upcoming August visit from the MetroPlan Board, the MPO for the Little Rock, Arkansas region, and encouraged Council members to attend events during the visit. Mallette introduced Jerome Rouser and welcomed him to his first Council meeting. She also mentioned the MPO currently has a job posting for an Accountant.

TAC

A written report was provided.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

Finance

A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A written report was provided.

**PRESENTATION:**

ROADIS I-25 Presentation

Michael Cheroutes and Simon Duranceau, both with ROADIS USA, discussed the handout that was included in the Council Packet. Cheroutes discussed the purpose of ROADIS USA and the company's interest in the North I-25 corridor. He discussed the I-25 *Now* Team and the proposal for the corridor that was submitted to Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) previously the High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) to develop the managed lane system from US36 to SH14 (Segments 2 through 8). Duranceau walked through the specifics of the project that would include the managed lanes, transit improvements, and general purpose lanes on an accelerated timeline. The P3 proposal is currently being reviewed and vetted by CDOT and it is anticipated they will complete their review in August.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- Assigning Executive Director Authority, Resolution No. 2022-19

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **2021 NFRMPO Audit**

Mallette introduced MHP, the MPO's audit firm and discussed the process of accepting the audit. Robert Dahill, MHP, LLC, discussed the Schedule of Findings from the 2021 Audit and stated they issued an Unmodified opinion, also known as a clean opinion, on the audit. Dahill discussed the deficiency discovered during the audit and the corrective action that has been implemented by MPO staff.

James **moved** to accept the *2021 NFRMPO AUDIT* as presented. The motion was **seconded** by Mellon and **passed** unanimously.

### **2050 RTP Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) Updates**

Gordon reviewed the process staff has undertaken to update the NFRMPO's Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) for the upcoming 2050 RTP. He discussed the incorporation of Council's feedback from the June meeting.

James **moved** to approve the *2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) REGIONAL CORRIDORS, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20*. The motion was **seconded** by Mellon and **passed** unanimously.

### **2022 MMOF Call for Projects: Weld County Local Match Reduction Request**

Cunningham discussed the MMOF Call and the request from Weld County for a match relief request from the Transportation Commission, reducing the local match from 50 percent to 25 percent for their On-Demand Transit Program project, pending MMOF funding being awarded by the Planning Council next month. Council members questioned why Weld County was required to provide a 50 percent match versus a 25 percent match like Larimer and Morgan counties. Cunningham explained the Transportation Commission's local match formula criteria and Evan Pinkham, Weld County, provided additional information supporting the County's request for match reduction for this project from both the NRMPO as well as from the Upper Front Range TPR through their MMOF Call.

Mellon **moved** to approve the *MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND MITIGATION OPTIONS FUND (MMOF) MATCH RELIEF REQUEST FOR THE WELD COUNTY ON-DEMAND TRANSIT PROGRAM PROJECT, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21*. The motion was **seconded** by Mallo and **passed** unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**2022 MMOF Call for Projects** – Cunningham provided an overview of the MMOF Call for Projects and the differences between the 2019 Call for Projects and the 2022 Call for Projects and the six 2019 MMOF awarded projects requesting extensions. Following this overview, short presentations on each of the projects being recommended for funding was provided by the project sponsors. Planning Council members asked clarifying questions regarding the Communities of Concern as well as CDOT's eligibility to be a project sponsor/awardee. Questions were raised regarding the number of project sponsors per project as well as the funding maximum each partner could apply for to be considered in the criteria for future calls.

**2045 RTP Update and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis**– Karasko reviewed the revised schedule for adoption of the GHG Transportation Report by Council as well as the review period and acceptance by APCD and the TC. She also discussed the NFRMPO's modeling results for the four required compliance years in the GHG Rule: 2025, 2030, 2040, and 2050. Karasko stated the modeling results indicate the NFRMPO region is in compliance for 2025 and 2030, but is still short of the reductions needed for 2040 and 2050. Karasko then discussed three options available to help the region meet the required GHG reductions: Option A includes Moderate TDM and Half-Fare transit; Option B includes Light TDM, Fare Free Transit, Transit Signal Priority, 26 roundabouts; and Option C includes Moderate TDM and five Roundabouts. Council members asked a

variety of questions regarding which of the options and their components would help the region reach the GHG reduction amounts and which would be the most feasible for the region. Council members requested staff to look at those components that help the region move towards compliance as to provide a menu of options at the August Council meeting for Council review.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Transportation Commission – No report this month.

CDOT R4 Update – Paddock mentioned the Ports of Entry ribbon cutting, as well as the progress of the N I-25 project and upcoming closures and traffic pattern changes throughout the corridor.

I-25 Coalition – James stated the I-25 Coalition discussion highlights were covered in the CDOT R4 Update.

US-34 Coalition – James discussed the MERGE project presentation from the City of Greeley and commended the enthusiasm and partnership around the project.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Stephens stated the Enterprise adopted their 10-Year Plan at their June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. She also discussed the Enterprises' upcoming discussions on how to award funds.

Front Range Passenger Rail District – Karspeck and Olsen discussed the June FRPR District meeting and the creation of a new entity as well as an upcoming retreat for District Directors. They also mentioned the Board approved Andy Karsian as the Interim Executive Director, with assistance provided by Jamie Grim.

Host Council Member Report – Karspeck stated there is an upcoming roundabout on Berthoud Parkway/LCR 17 and the progress on the SH56/I-25 Interchange.

**MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions  
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Becky Karasko, NFRMPO Staff