

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
July 20, 2022
1:02 – 2:26 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Brad Buckman- Fort Collins
Wayne Chuang – RAQC
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Will Jones – Greeley Alternate
Dave Klockeman, Past Chair – Loveland
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County
Carrie Tremblatt – CDOT Alternate
Troy White – Johnstown

NFRMPO STAFF:

AnnaRose Cunningham
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette
Jerome Rouser
Cory Schmitt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Abdul Barzak – Severance
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Adam Olinger – Berthoud
Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Ranae Tunison – FTA
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Charla Glendening – Wilson & Company
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Nicole Hahn – Fort Collins
Myron Hora – WSP
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Will Keenan - FHWA
Katlyn Kelly – Fort Collins
Aaron Norton – Fort Collins
Evan Pinkham – Weld County

CALL TO ORDER

Past Chair Klockeman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15 TAC MINUTES

White moved to approve the June 15, 2022 TAC minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Chuang stated four ozone monitors have had readings between 71 ppb and 74 ppb, with 16 days exceeding the 70ppb standard so far this summer. RAQC members reviewed the draft State Implementation Plan (SIP) at their July meeting, with the public comment period opening for their August 5, 2022 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

2022 TAC Vice-Chair Election – Klockeman opened the nominations for the 2022 TAC Vice-Chair. White volunteered and was approved by unanimous consent.

July 2022 TIP Amendment – Cunningham reviewed the five revision requests to the *FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. The public comment period opened July 13, 2022, and will close August 11, 2022. Buckman moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the July 2022 TIP Amendment. Herrera second the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2022 MMOF Call for Projects – Cunningham explained CDOT sent out requests for extensions for FY2019 MMOF grants. The NFRMPO received six requests that were presented to Planning Council at their July 7, 2022 meeting. Cunningham stated Planning Council discussed the projects recommended for approval from the 2022 MMOF Call for Projects. Cunningham noted projects with waitlisted funds would be filled through additional FY2022 or FY2023 MMOF funding. Buckman asked to discuss CDOT as a potential project sponsor. Cunningham noted CDOT was listed as an eligible applicant in the MMOF Guidelines and stated this could be revisited in future Calls for Projects. Klockeman asked how CDOT would choose projects to cosponsor or partner on. Karasko stated there was precedent based on the 2014 *I-25 Climbing Lane* project in Berthoud. Klockeman noted that project was recommended by Planning Council, and Karasko added CDOT had to submit a project application. Cunningham stated Planning Council discussed the potential for project-level funding maximums, which can be evaluated in the next Call for Projects development. Mallette noted the amount of MMOF will be smaller in future call. White moved to recommend Planning Council approve the 2022 MMOF Call for Projects and FY2019 MMOF grant extensions. Herrera seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2045 RTP Update and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis – Karasko noted the proposed schedule for the GHG Transportation Report has changed to adopt the Report at the October 6, 2022 Planning Council meeting, but everything will be submitted on time to Transportation Commission (TC) and Air Pollution Control Division (APCD). The NFRMPO will submit their Report in time for TC to review with the DRCOG and CDOT reports. The modeling shows the NFRMPO passing based on the projects that are included in the 2045 RTP and additional projects for 2025 and 2030. Three options were presented to Council to achieve reductions for 2040 and 2050. Karasko noted the RTP must be fiscally constrained, so any changes to the RTP must have associated funding. NFRMPO staff is proposing Option A, including half-fare transit and moderate Transportation Demand Management (TDM), which will cost approximately \$74M to implement. NFRMPO staff has determined the option is feasible, with no Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan. Karasko noted the NFRMPO will revisit modeling assumptions for the 2050 RTP, which will be adopted next year. Klockeman clarified the roundabouts need to be converted from

signalized intersections to take credit. Relford asked why TDM and work from home (WFH) were both included in the model. Gordon explained these are different tools in the NFRMPO's Travel Demand Model. Relford asked why roundabouts were not included in the recommendation. Karasko stated they would require a Mitigation Action Report. Relford asked how half-fare transit could be included if the NFRMPO does not control transit. Karasko explained the State's fare-free ozone programming, Transfort's existing fare free transit, and additional funding makes half-fare transit reasonably anticipated. Relford recommended including more context about what requires a Mitigation Action Plan in the memo. NFRMPO staff will discuss the draft report at for review prior to the August TAC meeting.

2023 Public Involvement Plan – Cunningham noted the NFRMPO is updating its Public Involvement Plan (PIP) prior to the 2050 RTP, with anticipated adoption in early 2023. TAC members discussed events and strategies that have worked in the last few years, including intercept events with multiple staff; online surveys with a follow-up survey to review results; virtual open houses; online and streaming meetings; mailers and door hangers; newsletters; and partnerships with Offices of Community Engagement/Public Information Officers. Hahn noted defining success also helped guide outreach. Klockeman noted the need to mix strategies, both virtual and in-person.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Cunningham noted the NFRMPO is aware of multiple communities interested in applying for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. NFRMPO staff has decided not to apply for the current round of funds but will wait for next year incorporate the potential grant into the agency's capacity and budget. Cunningham reached out to FHWA for clarification on duplicative efforts, i.e. could the NFRMPO apply for a grant if Larimer County previously applied for funds? Guidance stated both projects should be eligible because they are a different geography. The grants should build off each other. Hahn asked Fort Collins and Larimer County could apply for separate grants, i.e. the County could go for an action plan and the City could go for an implementation grant. Cunningham noted this should be fine. Fort Collins, Town of Windsor, Loveland, and Greeley are discussing applying for projects. Cunningham noted communities can reach out to the NFRMPO for assistance in the grant process.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

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

Regional Transit Agencies – None this month.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt noted the Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) notes were in the packet. RideNoCo's Trip Discovery tool is nearing completion, and the trip dispatching tool is moving forward.

REPORTS

July Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – A written report was provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – A written report was provided.

Q2 TIP Modifications – A written report was provided.

CDOT Inactives Report – A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Gordon stated NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative will hold a Walk Audit in Severance in lieu of their next meeting in August. NFRMPO staff will hold webinars around the TDM Action Plan in August and would like help distributing the information to businesses. The LinkNoCo recommendations will be discussed at TAC in August. A group of elected officials from Central Arkansas will be visiting the region in August.

Cunningham noted the Community Advisory Committee applications are open, and NFRMPO staff is looking for help distributing to small communities and throughout Weld County. The NFRMPO will help promote Fare Free August, and Cunningham requested transit agencies let her know what information to share. The Bike and Ped Safety Reporter Tool was used during a walk audit in Fort Collins and 20 reports were submitted since that event.

Buckman stated Nicole Hahn, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, will be the new representative for Fort Collins on TAC.

Karasko noted the Windsor Community Recreation Center will be closed during the next TAC meeting, so the meeting will be relocated for August.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – LinkNoCo recommendations and the NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report will be discussed at the August TAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.