

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

**August 4, 2022
Hybrid Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Will Karspeck -Chair	-Berthoud
Scott James – Vice Chair	-Weld County
Frank Baszler	-Severance
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Mark Clark	-Evans
Jessica Ferko	-APCD
Liz Heid	-Eaton
Jon Mallo	-Loveland
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Johnny Olson	-Greeley
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County

Voting Members Absent:

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Jeni Arndt	-Fort Collins
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Lisa Laake	-Timnath

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: Dan Betts, Dan Dean, Michelle Edgerly, James Eussen, Josie Hadley, Omar Herrera, Myron Hora, Will Jones, Dean Klingler, Matt Lecerf, Gary Lebsack, Nathaniel Minor, Heather Paddock, Elizabeth Relford, Cole Tallman, Paul Trombino, Steve Younkin

Chair Karspeck called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment:

No public comment was provided.

Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE AUGUST 4, 2022 MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by Olsen and **passed** unanimously.

Stephens **moved** to *APPROVE THE JULY 7, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was **seconded** by James and **passed** unanimously with Ferko abstaining.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

Ferko outlined activities being undertaken by the division in the North Front Range Region.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Karasko reported that the NFRMPO has completed the conformity run that is required for the 2045 RTP update. There will be a public hearing at the October Planning Council meeting to have a positive conformity determination from the Council.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Karspeck opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Report of the Chair

Karspeck noted that he will not be serving another term as the Larimer County representative on RAQC. Estes Park Mayor Wendy Koenig-Schuett is the new Larimer County representative on RAQC.

Executive Director Report

Mallette noted that MPO staff has completed a draft presentation for the Transportation Commission concerning the GHG report. Staff will bring this presentation to Council at the September meeting for feedback.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1st Quarter Unaudited Financials

ACTION ITEMS:

FY2019 MMOF Projects Extension Requests

Cunningham outlined the six MMOF project extension requests that were previously discussed at the July Planning Council meeting.

Bracke **moved** to accept the *FY2019 MMOF PROJECTS EXTENSION REQUESTS RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22* as presented. The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

2022 MMOF Call for Projects

Cunningham outlined the MMOF Call for Projects process and results. Five projects were recommended for full funding and five projects were recommended for partial funding. Any additional FY 2022 and FY 2023 MMOF funds will go to waitlisted projects.

James **moved** to approve the *2022 MMOF CALL FOR PROJECTS, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23*. The motion was **seconded** by Olsen and **passed** unanimously.

July 2022 TIP Amendment

Cunningham summarized the five revision requests from the City of Loveland, CDOT, and the NFRMPO.

Stephens **moved** to approve the *JULY 2022 TIP AMENDMENT, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24*. The motion was **seconded** by James and **passed** unanimously.

Updates to Executive Policies

Mallette outlined the changes being made to the Executive Policies that allow the Executive Director to enter into contracts for any monetary amount and to handle financial items as well as giving the Executive Director the authority to sign federal Certificates and Assurance on the planning procedures and processes.

Olsen **moved** to approve the *JULY 2022 TIP AMENDMENT, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2045 RTP Update and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis – Karasko

Karasko noted the NFRMPO was able to meet the GHG reductions for all four target years through modeling. MPO staff implemented several strategies to achieve these reductions including arterial signal timing improvements, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, moderate TDM programs, and half fare transit service. Council members asked a variety of questions concerning the assumptions being made in the modeling and how the NFRMPO can prove that the chosen strategies are effective. Council members asked clarifying questions concerning the \$74M outlined to meet the 2040 and 2050 reduction level, including where the funding is coming from and what categories this funding is coming out of from the baseline 2045 RTP. Council members requested staff to create a one-pager outlining the changes being made to the 2045 RTP to achieve compliance that they could share with their constituents.

Amendment to Articles of Association– Mallette outlined the changes being proposed for the Articles of Association based on feedback from the NFRMPO's Certification Review. While the Council has already appointed a transit representative, this addition will formalize this representation in the Articles of Association. Council members suggested that Bustang could be a transit representative on the Planning Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission – Bracke is working with CDOT staff to schedule a tour of North I-25 for the Transportation Commissioners. The I-25 Mobility Hub is scheduled to be completed in September. Congressman Neguse met with the I-25 Coalition to discuss future funding opportunities for I-25. Rural representation will be formally added to the State Interagency Consultation Team (IACT).

CDOT R4 Update – Paddock provided an update on I-25 construction. Northbound lanes underneath US-34 will be open in Mid-September. SH60 will be closed Mid-September to complete the diverging diamond interchange.

STAC Report- a written report was included.

I-25 Coalition – James stated the I-25 Coalition discussion highlights were covered in the Transportation Commission and CDOT R4 updates.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Stephens noted that NAAPME did not meet in July.

Front Range Passenger Rail District – Karspeck and Olsen discussed the July FRPR meeting which included discussions about the Articles of Association and the formation of a Special District Association. Olsen noted that All Aboard Northwest would like to hold an event on August 18th in Greeley to discuss their work.

Host Council Member Report – Mellon ceded his time to Johnstown Mayor Gary Lebsack.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff