

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Virtual Meeting
August 17, 2022
1:01 – 1:45 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Abdul Barzak – Severance
Wayne Chuang – RAQC
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Nicole Hahn – Fort Collins
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Dave Klockeman – Loveland
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County
Josie Hadley – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

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

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Adam Olinger – Berthoud
Ranae Tunison – FTA
Town of LaSalle
Troy White – Johnstown

IN ATTENDANCE:

Neysa Bermingham, CDOT
Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Will Keenan - FHWA
Katlyn Kelly – Fort Collins
Aaron Norton – Fort Collins
Jake O’Neal - CDOT
Natalie Shishido, CDOT
Steve Stamey - LaSalle

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2022 TAC MINUTES

Relford moved to approve the July 20, 2022 TAC minutes. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Chuang reported the 2022 Ozone season has had 29 days exceed 70ppb and 34 action alert days. Chuang stated the RAQC board approved the draft State Implementation Plan (SIP) at their August meeting. AQCC will hold a public hearing for the SIP at the end of the year. Karasko

noted the NFRMPO completed and passed conformity for the 2045 RTP update which includes expanded non-attainment area. There will be a public hearing for the Conformity Determination at the October 6 Planning Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

Off-Cycle August 2022 TIP Amendment – Cunningham reviewed the seven revision requests to the *FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* which include new project awards from the 2022 MPOF Call for Projects. The public comment period opened August 10, 2022 and will close September 8, 2022. Oberschmidt moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the July 2022 TIP Amendment. Barzak second the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool Demonstration – Cunningham reviewed the purpose of and demonstrated the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool and the corresponding dashboard. The NFRMPO has been promoting the tool at community events over the summer and has used the tool during both the Foothills Mall and Severance walk audits. Guthrie noted the City of Loveland has also been promoting the tool at outreach events. TAC members discussed the tool functionality. Hahn asked who receives the submitted reports. Cunningham stated members of the Safety Data Working Group received the reports through the end of July. TAC members requested reports be submitted to them as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2045 RTP Update and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis – Karasko stated the GHG Transportation Report, which was included with the handouts, has been submitted to the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) and the CDOT Transportation Commission (TC). The NFRMPO along with DRCOG and CDOT staff will present the report and findings at the September TC Workshop. The NFRMPO met the required emissions reductions through the projects already planned in the 2045 RTP and with additional projects reasonably anticipated to be completed and incorporated into the 2045 RTP Amendment. Because of this, the NFRMPO did not need to complete a Mitigation Action Plan.

Kelly asked if the 2045 RTP Amendment is the appropriate time to update project costs. Karasko affirmed it is if it will not affect fiscal constraint. Relford asked how NFRMPO staff would like comments submitted. Karasko stated she will email out the document and TAC members can submit comments through track changes or email comments to Staff.

Karasko stated the GHG Transportation Report and 2045 RTP Amendment will be opening for public comment prior to approval by Planning Council at their meeting on October 6.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Gordon stated NoCo held a walk audit of Severance on August 10 with approximately 20 community partners. Rouser created a Story Map overviewing the recommendations and outcome from the Walk Audit.

Regional Transit Agencies – Folkers reported COLT's new route started on Monday along with other service updates. Feedback has been positive, and COLT will report on ridership once info is available,

Gordon noted the three local transit agencies are fare free through August and Bustang is half fare through September 5.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt stated RideNoCo is finalizing the trip discovery and planning tool which will be debuted to TAC in September.

REPORTS

August 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

Tracy recognized Klockeman and thanked him for his service on the committee for many years. Klockeman expressed gratitude to the group.

Cunningham noted anyone interested in promotional materials for the Bike and Ped Safety Reporter tool can reach out to her.

Schmitt stated as part of the AARP Age Friendly Communities designation imparted on the Greeley, Evans, and Garden City, the cities have embarked on an Age Friendly Action plan which includes a focus on transportation. They have convened a work group to compile plans on transportation options for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Rouser stated the NFRMPO is working with the City of Fort Collins on planning a regional Shift Your Ride campaign. He is also compiling articles for the upcoming fall newsletter and requested TAC members reach out to him with article ideas.

Hadley noted CDOT will hold a TAP Call for Projects soon.

Oberschmidt stated the 47th Avenue Construction is wrapping up, 37th Street Phase 1 will advertise in December 2022, and 23rd Avenue is under construction.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – None this month.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, as a hybrid meeting.