



Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES
September 15th, 2022
1:30 p.m. – 2:51 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
- Garrett Mumma, State of CO Vocational Rehabilitation
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Nicole Limoges, LCOA
- Lorye McLeod, PAFC
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility
- Diana Squire, Cheyenne VA Hospital
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort/City of Fort Collins
- Ari Edgley, Foothills Gateway
- Anna Russo, Transfort/City of Fort Collins
- Angela Woodall, Foothills Gateway

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Alex Gordon, AnnaRose Cunningham, Sheereen Ibtesam

2. Review of Agenda

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

No public comments were received.

4. Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes

Nelson-Cleverley motioned to approve the July minutes. Mumma seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

1) Regional Shift Your Ride – Gordon

Gordon gave an overview about the regional SHIFT Your Ride campaign in partnership between the NFRMPO and the City of Fort Collins. The [NoCo Shift Your Ride Challenge](#) will run between September 5, 2022 and October 31, 2022 and invites people to shift at least one car trip per week to riding a bus, biking, walking, carpooling, vanpooling, or teleworking. Individuals who are interested can pledge to Shift a Ride at nfrmpo.org/shift.

The website has an interactive map to help people plan their trips and explore the region, more resources for people to find out what's happening, and anything else our partners think would be helpful to promote. Additionally, the website has a spreadsheet diary that calculates a person's impact on their transportation carbon footprint.



RIDENOCO UPDATES

Schmitt gave an update about RideNoCo, including progress on the Trip Discovery Tool and Trip Scheduling phases. See slides [here](#).

With the Trip Discovery Tool nearing completion, members discussed the best way to represent volunteer/human service providers in the planning tool icons to differentiate it from public transit and other modes of transportation. Members came to agreement that an icon showing a hand over a heart or someone helping someone else into a vehicle could be the best way to symbolize volunteer/human service providers.

Schmitt went over updates on Phase 3 of the Trip Scheduling Steering Committee. The Steering Committee met four times over five months and came to agreement on utilizing Transactional Data Specifications and working with 2 volunteer provider software vendors currently used by local providers to make platforms TDS compliant. RideNoCo will procure RideSheet as a customer relationship management (CRM) tool. Building the technology pieces to improve communication and coordination.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Fort Collins Walk Audit Results – Schmitt

Schmitt went over [the ArcGIS Story Map](#) Hanna Johnson put together for the Foothills Mall & Midtown Fort Collins Walk Audit, utilizing the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool.

McLeod expressed that the NFRMPO did a great job coordinating the Walk Audit, helping everyone understand what they were doing, and was very well organized, and that the report (StoryMap) is fantastic. Hoping comments go to places it needs to go to get things worked on to make improvements. McLeod also stated it was a great experience.

2) NFRMPO Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool – Cunningham

Cunningham introduced the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool to members, which can be found at nfrmpo.org/safety as well as via QR code.

Russo asked if the tool will be permanent or will have an end date?

Cunningham responded that the hope is that it will be an ongoing tool but that the MPO is piloting the tool over the next year to evaluate the effectiveness of it.

Russo said she can promote the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter tool in the TransFort newsletter.

Schmitt had a couple of suggestions for additions to the tool. For example, going through the hazard list, “unsafe transit stop” seems unclear. Also “sidewalk cracked or buckling” also could include “uneven” which has been an issue for people who use mobility devices. Schmitt also suggested listening sessions with various community groups such as Senior Centers and assisted living facilities to gather feedback on issues they experience in the built environment; and then file those reports on their behalf instead of expecting them to learn how to use the tool.

Russo suggested working with the Fort Collins Rec Center and Neighborhood Services to promote usage of the tool. Members discussed creating a toolkit to encourage people to do independent walk audits in their own communities in addition to more formal walk audits hosted by organizations such as the NFRMPO.



Schmitt suggested going after funding for something related to walk audits. Maybe creating a toolkit could be a good end-product that the MPO work with PAFC and other partners on. Continue to brainstorm how to get tool widely out to the public with a broad spectrum of community members able to use it and able to have their perspectives heard.

3) Fare Free Transit Month Recap – Smith/Russo

Smith and Russo provided overviews of the August Fare Free Transit Month for COLT and Transfort, respectively. Smith mentioned that COLT ridership neared a return to pre-pandemic levels during the month of August. Russo shared that even though Transfort has been fare free since the beginning of the pandemic, it was noticeable that ridership on the regional FLEX route was up 28% in August 2022 compared with August 2021, possibly indicating that having other systems be fare free such as COLT and RTD may have resulted in greater ridership on FLEX.

With August 2023 slated to be another fare free transit month, members discussed forming a Work Group in early 2023 to help better coordinate and broadcast the initiative regionally given the longer timeline to prepare than the initial Fare Free month.

4) 2023 Partner Presentations – All

Members discussed presentations to have at Mobility Committee meetings in 2023, with the following organizations volunteering:

- Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)
- Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: overview of services and training for providers serving individuals with visual and other impairments.
- Larimer County Office on Aging: 4-Year Plan update later in 2023
- Transfort/Fort Collins: W Elizabeth BRT, N College MAX, Fare Study findings
- Foothills Gateway
- Via Mobility
- Dementia Together

WORKING GROUPS

1) Recruitment Working Group – Schmitt/All

- a. None this month
- b. **Next Steps:**
 - i. None this month

2) Outreach and Education Working Group –All

- a. **Next Steps:**
 - i. McLeod suggested outreach could be done at the PAFC Fundraising event on October 2nd at Spring Canyon Park in Fort Collins. Announced the event to the LCMC with the time from 12pm-3pm. Setup is at 10:30am-11am.



- ii. Schmitt mentioned as Johnson returns more updates will come on the shared resource library and outreach calendar.
- iii. If there are events coming up, RideNoCo would be happy to provide info and materials to share and vice versa.

Schmitt announced the Joint Regional Mobility Meeting Tuesday October 25th from 1-3:30pm at the Windsor Community Recreation Center- 250 11th St, Windsor, CO 80550. While a virtual option will be available, the plan is for an in-person centric event to encourage the community to all come together across the region. Should have received a calendar invite for that meeting. Reach out to Schmitt at cschmitt@nfrmpo.org if did not receive invite and can get that sent out.

TRANSFORT & COLT NEWS AND UPDATES

Russo from TransFort mentioned Route 19 had to suspended due to driver shortage; actively recruiting for drivers/bus operators. Offer for full benefits for both part- and full-time bus operator jobs. In good news, all FLEX trips that were eliminated due to the pandemic have been restored, bringing FLEX back to full service.

LCMC MEMBER UPDATES

Woodall introduced Ari Edgley is the new transportation manager for Foothills Gateway and directed members to reach out to either with questions.

Limoges wanted to plug Larimer County Office of Aging community conversations hosting at multiple locations around Larimer County over the next couple of weeks. Shared email and flyers. Just to get feedback on all types of services and needs that seniors may have out in the community so can use that feedback to put in towards next area plan for Larimer County. Any way to promote that and encourage people to come would be greatly appreciated getting peoples voices heard all over Larimer County.

Schmitt stated he will forward LCOA update on LCMC mailing list just in case there are folks not on LCOA mailing list as well.

Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **LCMC Meeting:** October 25th, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Windsor Community Rec Center-