

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
September 21, 2022
1:00 – 2:22 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Troy White, Vice Chair- Johnstown
Abdul Barzak – Severance
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Wayne Chuang – RAQC
Alex Donaldson– Loveland
Nicole Hahn – Fort Collins
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Adam Olinger – Berthoud
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County

NFRMPO STAFF:

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

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Josie Hadley – CDOT
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Ranae Tunison – FTA
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Candice Folkers – COLT
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Will Keenan – FHWA
Katlyn Kelly – Fort Collins
Chris Proud–HDR
Liz Young-Winne – CDPHE
Katrina Kloberdanz- CDOT
Myron Hora – WSP
Dave Martinez- Loveland

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2022 TAC MINUTES

Relford moved to approve the August 17, 2022 TAC minutes. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Chuang stated the end of the Ozone season is near, and this season has had 35 days where ozone was over 70 parts per billion (ppb) and 17 days where ozone was over 75 ppb.

There were 46 action alert days. The Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) will be holding a hearing on the new ozone SIP in December.

Karasko noted there will be a public hearing on the NFRMPO's conformity determination for the 2045 RTP 2022 Update during the October 6th Planning Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

2045 RTP 2022 Update – Karasko stated the 2045 RTP 2022 Update was opened for public comment from August 19th to September 17th. The update includes all the work that was done while preparing the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report. Approval of this Update will be an action item at the October 6th Planning Council meeting. White moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the 2045 RTP 2022 Update. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

NFRMPO Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report – Karasko noted the GHG Transportation Report was out for public comment, with received comments incorporated into the report as applicable. The report was presented during the September Transportation Commission workshop and was approved by the Transportation Commission. Relford asked if the NFRMPO could update the language surrounding the amount of funding provided by SB21-260. Mallette clarified the language used and expressed unease at changing the language after the report has been adopted by the Transportation Commission. Karasko noted the language can be altered in the next GHG Transportation Report for the 2050 RTP.

Relford moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report. White seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No items this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY2022 TIP Project Delay Review – Cunningham stated the NFRMPO conducts a TIP project delay review every year to ensure funds are being used effectively. Projects are considered delayed if they fail to meet the deadline for relevant milestones. There were six projects that were subject to the FY2022 delay review. Four projects are requesting their first one-year extension, and one project is requesting a third one-year extension. White noted there was an endangered species habitat along the proposed Little Thompson River Corridor Trail which caused delays due to the relocation of the trail. Cunningham stated the trail's original Call for Projects did not have any partially funded or unfunded Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects. Herrera noted Windsor is working through the railroad clearance process which is causing delays for the *Intersection Improvements at SH257 & Eastman Park Dr.* project.

Link NoCo Study Recommendations – Proud outlined the process undertaken to complete the LinkNoCo study, a Planning Council initiative. The three recommended corridors are Greeley to Loveland via US34; Windsor to Loveland via WCR 17 and US34; and Fort Collins to Greeley via the Great Western Railway. The study outlined possible infrastructure upgrades to these corridors to accommodate new transit along these corridors and possible Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) options and funding opportunities with each potential option. Relford expressed concern over the wording of premium

transit because the meaning is not clear. Gordon noted there are fact sheets for each corridor that outline the recommendation for each corridor. Relford stated communities need to know how much right-of-way each corridor needs to ensure effective transit use so they can make appropriate land use decisions. Proud stated the document will have more detail. Relford recommended adding more transit funding opportunities to the presentation prior to the October 6th Planning Council meeting. Gordon noted there will be a presentation at the US34 Coalition meeting on October 6th, and the NFRMPO approved an MMOF set-aside to do further studies on the selected corridors.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – Kelly noted that Transfort ridership in August has increased by 14 percent from last August. FLEX ridership increased by 28 percent. Schmitt stated that GET ridership increased by 38 percent and COLT was near pre-pandemic ridership.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt stated there will be an update on the trip discovery tool and other RideNoCo initiatives at the October TAC meeting.

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

White stated WCR 17 is under construction and will be done by October. Relford noted Weld County had to extend the closure of the roundabout at 35th Avenue and O Street. It is expected to be finished by the end of the month. Oberschmidt stated 47th Avenue is complete. Evans will begin advertising the 37th Street roundabout, and the rest of the 37th Street corridor is still in the design phase. Donaldson noted he will be the temporary TAC representative for Loveland. Herrera stated work is continuing the SH 392 widening project. Rouser noted the Call for Projects for the Safe Routes to School Grant is open through November 4th, and the NoCo Shift Your Ride Challenge had 69 participants and will continue until the end of October. Gordon stated multiple things will be going out for public comment, including the [TDM Action Plan](#) and the [LinkNoCo Study](#). Cunningham noted the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is out for public comment for 45 days. Hahn stated the Fort Collins Active Modes Plan just finished its public comment period and will now be going through the City Council approval process, and the Vision Zero Plan will be going to the Fort Collins City Council during the fourth quarter.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, as a hybrid meeting.