



## Joint Regional Mobility Committee—MINUTES

October 25th, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m

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### 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

In Person:

- Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO
- Hanna Johnson, NFRMPO
- Sheereen Ibtisam, NFRMPO
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Margie Martinez, Weld United Way
- Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Ruth Fletcher-Carter, RAFT
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Garrett Mumma, CO Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Olga Gonzalez, WCDPHE
- Ari Edgley, Foothills Gateway
- Angela Woodall, Foothills Gateway
- Robyn Upton, WAND
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Lorraine Snow, Arc of Larimer County
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Anna Russo, Transfort
- Angel Bond- Boulder County Mobility & Access For All Coalition

Virtual:

- Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO
- Leiton Powell, GET
- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
- Chris Montoya, Adeo
- Kathy Sargent, Arc of Weld County

### 2. Group Introductions and Review of Agenda

Both virtual and in person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

#### Presentations

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions-** Schmitt had all the attendees introduce themselves and the organization they represent.
  - a. **Speed Networking/Resource Fair-** Johnson gave instructions to the attendees for the speed-networking fair. Participants were able to better understand one another's organization and why they participate in Mobility Committees.



**2) RideNoCo, Mobility Programming & NFRMPO Updates-** Schmitt presented RideNoCo updates with mobility programming and transit mobility NFRMPO has been working on.

Schmitt presented the RideNoCo Call Center and Website Data. There were total 104 calls for 2022 year compared to 95 the last year. Total website visits were almost 1600. Majority of the calls came from Weld County with 64 calls, Larimer was a little more than half of Weld County with 34 calls. Other calls came from Boulder County or Denver metro. Majority of the calls were people aged 60+ with 61% of the calls. 55 out of 104 calls were medical calls.

Mumma asked if there was enough staff to handle the volume of calls. Schmitt responded yes, with 3 staff total to handle the volume of calls, 15 a month. If it ever got to the point where staff could not do their regular duties if call volume is high, a new position dedicated to RideNoCo calls would be considered.

Teets suggested that RideNoCo present to city councils in Weld and Larimer County. Schmitt replied there would be dedicated staff in mobility team to do outreach and travel training.

Schmitt presented a demo of the Trip Discovery tool to the attendees. The NFRMPO released a call for projects 10/26. The deadline for applications is 11/10/22. RideNoCo will utilize TDS compliant software by the end of 2023.

Johnson presented the 2022 Outreach Recap. There were 2x as many Rider Guides distributed in 2022 than 2021, which was total 3480. Also 19 total presentations, and 20 outreach events.

Johnson presented the RideNoCo Travel Training Program development as priority for Quarter 4 in 2022 with a roll out in early 2023. The vision is to inform Northern Colorado community of the existing transportation resources available, and empower participants to utilize the resources through information sharing, in addition to gathering feedback from participants on transportation gaps and needs within Northern Colorado. There would be two components to travel training: 1. Online module, 2. In-person training. Teets suggested the library for travel training. Johnson agreed.

Johnson presented DriveNoCo recruitment for new paid drivers and volunteer drivers. Kaliczak mentioned the problem of driver retention for ZTrip and finding people who have passion for driving and serving people getting them to their destinations and happy on the job. Blizter said you can teach skills to driver but cannot teach compassion. Kaliczak mentioned best drivers who were in very different fields previously such as nursing or who seemed overqualified for the job. If selling as a community asset for the people, will get a broad swath of people for driving job. Teets asked about driver qualifications. Kaliczak said insurance doesn't allow under 25 and max age is 72.

Johnson presented 2023 Joint Mobility meeting suggestions- Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Via Mobility Services. Russo suggested possibly a ride on the Poudre Express as a regional connection transit ride. Attendees agreed that having quarterly joint meetings would be



better while not increasing the total number of meetings within a year. Johnson and Schmitt said they will edit the calendar based on these suggestions

Schmitt announced that Via Mobility Services returning to Weld County for a 2-year period in late 2022 and early 2023.

Schmitt presented Bustang running 8 daily weekday roundtrips from Fort Collins Downtown Transit Center to Denver Union Station with stops in Harmony Rd Park & Ride and Loveland US34 Park & Ride. A Sterling-Greely Denver Bustang Outrider route will launch 11/1. Weekend frequency of the North Line will increase in 2023.

Schmitt presented the CO-WY Transit Feasibility Study results; the top preferred alignment was from Cheyenne to Fort Collins and Loveland loop.

Schmitt mentioned 2050 RTP long range transportation plan will be ongoing in 2023, considering all transportation modes- walking, biking, transit roadways, freight etc. Considering air quality and greenhouse gas impacts of transportation and updating land use allocation model and travel demand model for scenarios. It is also fiscally constrained with consideration of which projects in pipeline have potential for funding.

### **3) Presentations:**

#### **a. Boulder County Coordinated Plan + 10 Year Anniversary Celebration**

- i.** Bond presented Boulder County Mobility & Access For All Coordinated Plan and mentioned working with the NFRMPO Coordinated Plan. Overarching goals include accessibility, equity, reliability, efficiency, sustainability, and safety. They received feedback through a technical advisory committee, community partners, and focus groups. Bond mentioned they had a draft plan public comment period from February to March 2022, and their plan was adopted by Boulder County Commission on July 28.
- ii.** Bond mentioned seeking funding for transit plan and Vision Zero Safe Route to School initiative Action Plan, and volunteer driver program in the mountains- working with Via in the Nederland area. Lower density, volunteer driver program is more cost-effective.
- iii.** Bond mentioned using and purchasing Streetlight data for transportation master plan. This enabled Boulder County where people were traveling from Census Block to Census Block.

#### **b. IntelliRide/Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**

- i. This portion of the meeting was cancelled because presenters were unable to attend.**



**Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. LCMC – November 17<sup>th</sup>
- b. WCMC – December 13<sup>th</sup>
- c. 2023 Meeting Dates will be sent out for review by committee members by the end of November 2023.