

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
October 19, 2022
1:00 – 2:23 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NFRMPO STAFF:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 TAC MINUTES

Relford moved to approve the September 21, 2022 TAC minutes. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Chuang stated EPA finalized the reclassification of the nonattainment area to Severe under the 2008 ozone standard and Moderate under the 2015 ozone standard. The Ozone

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emma Belmont – FTA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Josie Thomas – CDOT
Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Candice Folkers – COLT
Katie Guthrie – Loveland
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Katlyn Kelly – Fort Collins
Katrina Kloberdanz – CDOT
Dave Martinez – Loveland
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Justin Stone – Loveland
Phil von Hake – CDOT

State Implementation Plan (SIP) is continuing its process through the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC).

CONSENT AGENDA

FY2022 TIP Project Delay Review – Oberschmidt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

LinkNoCo Study Recommendations – Gordon identified the comments received from Planning Council on the LinkNoCo Study and how they have been addressed, including comments on fare and funding structure, right-of-way (ROW), and the implementation timeline.

The 30-day public comment period opened on October 6, 2022. One comment has been received so far. Relford recommended including ROW assessment as a next step in the document. Gordon will review and ensure ROW assessment is clearly identified. Donaldson moved to recommend Planning Council approve the LinkNoCo Study. Barzak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

RideNoCo Trip Planning Tool – Schmitt reviewed progress on the RideNoCo program rollout and demonstrated the RideNoCo Trip Discovery Tool, which is currently in beta testing and is expected to launch in the next month. The tool is the outcome of phase two of the three-phase RideNoCo effort. Notably, the Trip Discovery tool, also known as a Trip Planning Tool, is a first-of-its-kind in the US because it includes volunteer providers alongside public transit agencies.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2022 Public Involvement Plan (PIP) – Cunningham described the Draft 2022 PIP, which will guide the NFRMPO's public involvement efforts for transportation planning, RideNoCo, and VanGo™ programs. The Draft 2022 PIP has been updated to include new strategies and lessons learned since it was last adopted in 2019. Notably, the Plan has an equity focus, a social media policy, and defines success for the NFRMPO and for the public. Effectiveness of the Plan will be reviewed after two years, which is halfway through the four-year lifetime of the PIP.

Relford asked how the PIP relates to the RTP. Cunningham explained the PIP is adopted prior to the RTP so it can inform engagement strategies as the RTP is developed. Pinkham asked how often the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meet and the number of CAC members. Cunningham stated CAC meets monthly and membership has ranged from five to 15 members. There is now a rolling application window for CAC members. Regarding questions on how Communities of Concern (COC) are defined, Gordon and Cunningham explained COC includes people with disabilities, female-headed households, limited English proficiency, and older adults. The COC definition aligns with local definitions and federal recommendations and is set in the NFRMPO's EJ Plan. Hahn asked if the social media policy addresses multi-agency collaboration. Cunningham explained the PIP identifies the role of media packets to enable multi-agency collaboration.

The 45-day public comment period is open through November 5, 2022 and Planning Council will consider adoption of the 2022 PIP at their meeting on December 1, 2022.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan – Gordon explained the TDM Action Plan was developed in response to two of Executive Director Mallette's annual goals approved by Planning

Council on developing a TDM program and exploring establishment of a Transportation Management Organization (TMO). Gordon presented the TDM vision and five goals included in the Draft [TDM Action Plan](#). The Plan includes strategies and recommendations to achieve the goals, some of which are already underway. The public comment period is open through October 28, 2022. TAC members discussed measuring success, the importance of coordinating with other TDM efforts, and how the Plan can be used to support applications for funding.

EV Plan Discussion – Gordon presented information on EV planning efforts and EV funding opportunities. The NFRMPO is not required to develop an EV Plan but there is an opportunity for the NFRMPO to support EV planning in the region. TAC members noted EV and alternative fuel planning is an emerging issue with many unanswered questions, such as considerations for providing charging stations to the public; cost, liability, air quality benefits, and other considerations for various technology options; coordinating with utilities; locating infrastructure; and how to best position for the wide array of funding opportunities. Local governments need funding to study all government-owned vehicles, not just transit fleets.

Herrera asked if there is capacity to assist local governments in developing fleet transition plans. Gordon suggested the NFRMPO could bring case studies on public sector fleet transition plans as a first step. Karnik suggested EV planning could be addressed at a corridor-level such as through the US 34 Coalition.

TAC members expressed interest in the NFRMPO providing support around fleet planning and infrastructure needs and requested an EV planning expert present at an upcoming TAC meeting.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – None.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt stated a joint meeting of LCMC and WCMC will be held on October 25, 2022. Work is underway on adapting “transactional data specifications” for transit software schedule platforms to enable coordination across agencies.

REPORTS

October 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.

Q3 TIP Modifications – A written report was provided.

CDOT Inactives Report – A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Relford stated the roundabout at 35th Avenue and O Street opened, which was a joint effort by Weld County and Greeley. The STBG-funded roundabout at CR74 and CR33 is going to bid soon with expected completion in summer 2023.

Cunningham asked TAC members to provide photos of projects, especially NFRMPO-funded projects, and the region. Cunningham will email a link to a Google Drive folder to enable photo sharing.

Oberschmidt noted Evans will be advertising for bids in December for a roundabout.

White stated Johnstown finished the mill and reconstruction project of CR17 from SH60 to WCR42.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – Mallette stated an EV expert would be invited for next month.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Medora Bornhoft, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, as a hybrid meeting.