

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting  
November 16, 2022  
1:01 – 2:39 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County  
Troy White, Vice Chair – Johnstown  
Abdul Barzak – Severance  
Eric Bracke – Windsor  
Wayne Chuang – RAQC  
Alex Donaldson – Loveland  
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath  
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins  
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley  
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans  
Adam Olinger – Berthoud  
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County  
Steve Stamey – LaSalle  
Josie Thomas – CDOT

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

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

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Emma Belmont – FTA  
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Town of Garden City

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Zahra Al-Saloom – CEO  
Candice Folkers – COLT  
Charla Glendening – Wilson  
Katie Guthrie – Loveland  
Nicole Hahn – Loveland  
Tamara Keefe – FHU  
Will Keenan – FHWA  
Katrina Kloberdanz – CDOT  
Diego Lopez – Northern Colorado Clean Cities  
Deanna McIntosh – CDOT  
Scott Pearson – Windsor  
Evan Pinkham – Weld County  
Becca Stock – Xcel Partners in Energy  
Phil von Hake – CDOT

**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 OCTOBER 19, 2022 TAC MINUTES**

Oberschmidt moved to approve the October 19, 2022 TAC minutes. Donaldson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Chuang stated there are two State Implementation Plans (SIP) progressing through the AQCC process. The Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) discovered an error for

oil and gas emissions, raising the emissions estimates. APCD has withdrawn some chapters of the 2008 SIP to ensure the Plan will attain the ozone standard by 2026. Bornhoft stated the Planning Council requested to review the GHG IGA between the NFRMPO, CDOT, and CDPHE prior to Executive Director Mallette signing. NFRMPO staff are working with CDOT on identifying and prioritizing Disproportionately Impacted (DI) communities for the GHG mitigations process. NFRMPO staff will complete one GHG report in 2023 for both the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the new Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) instead of completing two GHG reports by delaying the adoption of the new TIP.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

No items this month.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**2022 Public Involvement Plan (PIP)** – Cunningham noted the *2022 PIP* was discussed last month at TAC and Planning Council, during the 45-day public comment period. NFRMPO staff received four sets of public comments, which were incorporated into an appendix of the Plan. Relford moved to recommend Planning Council adopt the *2022 PIP*. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**November 2022 TIP Amendment** – Cunningham stated CDOT requested revisions to the *North I-25: Design Build* project in the *FY2023-2026 TIP*, specifically changes to current and previous funding for the project. The revision corrects the actual amounts that have been budgeted and programmed for the project. Public comment opened November 8. Relford asked to clarify the reduction in the TIFIA loan and its impact on the upcoming TIFIA loan request for the I-25 corridor. Cunningham stated the funds were illustrative and should not have been rolled forward, so the corrections are administrative changes that do not impact the project. Oberschmidt moved to recommend Planning Council approve the November 2022 TIP Amendment. White seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan** – Gordon reviewed changes to the *TDM Action Plan* based on public comment and Planning Council discussion. Hornkohl moved to recommend Planning Council adopt the *TDM Action Plan*. Relford seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION**

**Electric Vehicle (EV) Planning Roundtable** – Gordon introduced Zahra Al-Saloom from the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), Diego Lopez from Northern Colorado Clean Cities (NCCC), and Becca Stock from Xcel Partners in Energy. Al-Saloom described the Charge Ahead Colorado program, which is now administered solely by CEO. The program prioritizes investments in DI and income qualified (IQ) communities, which are informed by the *Equity Study*. The *Equity Study* laid out strategies to address barriers, including increased funding, reduced match requirements, simplified application processes for lower cost and high priority projects, preferential scoring during evaluation, and additional education and outreach. Charge Ahead Colorado now has updated incentives, including an increased maximum for Level 2 chargers in IQ communities and a DI adder for \$1,000. Al-Saloom described the online mapping tool to understand which communities qualify based on the different DI community definitions at the federal and state levels. Grant applications are available for funding in October, January, and May each year. Interested applicants can attend office hours to discuss questions or qualifications with staff as well as Recharge Coaches. The Recharge Coach for Northern Colorado is Diego Lopez. CEO is

developing Medium and Heavy-Duty incentives, which should be available in 2023 with a focus on depot and public charging.

Lopez explained NCCC focuses on education, advocacy, and technical services for the decarbonization of transportation. NCCC has provided support for communities exploring the Supplemental Environmental Program Funding. Lopez also described the Fleet and Community Audits that NCCC has provided for local communities.

Stock explained the Partners in Energy program. Currently, Brendle Group is developing an EV Community Plan for Larimer County, which will include facilitated internal and external workshops to identify the goals and opportunities for EV investments.

**US34 Transportation Management Organization (TMO) Proposal** – Gordon reviewed the progress being made on the US34 TMO proposal, including the scope, service area, and potential budget. The proposed service area spans Estes Park to Kersey. The US34 Coalition and the NFRMPO will apply for a TMO Seed Grant through CDOT and is having local communities review the draft application. Relford requested TAC members talk to their elected officials about letters of support and funding. White asked what the work plan will look like for the TMO, and Gordon and Relford explained the first task is to hire a staff person to focus on developing the specific work plan.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**FY2023-2025 Additional Allocations** – Cunningham reviewed two options for allocating additional funding from all NFRMPO funding sources after the most recent reconciliation from CDOT Region 4. The reconciliation adds funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) as well as additional funds. IIJA also includes a new program called the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which can be used for projects that reduce transportation emissions. Through this reconciliation, the NFRMPO has \$13.5M available to award through FY2025 across all programs. Cunningham explained the additional allocation policy is to fund waitlisted projects if funding becomes available within the applicable funding program but noted the NFRMPO identified another option for more quickly programming funds. Either way, a Call for Projects will be held for the remaining funds.

With Option 1, funds would be awarded to waitlisted projects in different funding programs while ensuring projects meet program requirements. Waitlisted CMAQ projects would be fully funded with \$4M remaining to award; some STBG funds would be advanced, waitlisted STBG projects would be funded, and \$881,115 would remain to be awarded; some TA funds would be advanced to fully fund one project and partially fund a second project; and CRP funds would be used alongside MMOF funds to fully fund MMOF projects. Cunningham noted staff analyzed program requirements and guidelines to ensure potential funding is appropriate for projects. With Option 2, the additional allocation policy would be followed, and waitlisted projects would only receive funding from the relevant program, which would leave more FY23 funding unallocated. Either option allows all NFRMPO grant funding programs to run through FY2025.

Karnik asked if a community needs to reapply for funds in a different program. Cunningham stated no additional applications are needed for existing projects, but further analysis on eligibility may be needed. New project applications could be submitted for the Supplemental Call for Projects. TAC discussed whether to fully fund the unfunded projects from the MMOF program to avoid additional applications and came to the agreement the unfunded projects should be included in the proposal. Cunningham stated she will reach out to project sponsors, update the tables based on the discussion,

and send out the updated tables prior to Planning Council. Relford asked for clarification on the years of CMAQ funding. Cunningham stated the Weld County project would receive FY2024 and FY2025 funds, the Fort Collins project would receive FY2023/24, and COLT would receive FY2024 funds. Hahn asked how requirements may change to ensure multiple projects can be funded. Cunningham stated the Supplemental Call for Projects guidelines will be discussed prior to the Call opening, which is expected in Winter or Spring 2023.

**FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2023 Task Updates** – Karasko stated Planning Council approved the FY2023 Budget Amendment #1, which includes additional funding for Task 2.3, Task 3.3, and Task 5.3. These tasks are being updated based on the budget amendment. The tasks are budget neutral because of the budget amendment.

### **OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS**

**NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative** – Written report was provided.

**Regional Transit Agencies** – None.

**Mobility Updates** – Schmitt stated the Trip Discovery Tool is nearing completion, as is the Steering Committee for the Trip Scheduling component. Both are moving toward implementation. Schmitt stated the Larimer County and Weld County Mobility Committees agreed to hold more joint Mobility Committee meetings in 2023.

### **REPORTS**

**November 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.

**2023 TAC Updates** – A written report was provided. Karasko noted elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the December 21, 2022 TAC meeting.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

Rouser stated NoCo Bike and Ped is convening a Safe Routes to School Subcommittee to develop Safe Routes to School programming.

Cunningham stated the next Safety Data Working Group meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2022 to discuss the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool, the interim 2021 crash data set, and safety targets.

Oberschmidt stated Evans is bidding a roundabout project in December. Evans is working with Weld County on repaving Two Rivers Parkway.

Hahn stated she is the new City Engineer for Loveland.

White stated the Frontage Road north of LCR18 will close for five months, but High Plains Boulevard will be open during that time.

### **MEETING WRAP-UP**

**Final Public Comment** – There was no final public comment.

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions** – No suggestions.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

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