

**Executive Summary of the
North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
Community Advisory Committee**

December 8, 2022

Attendees: York, Cindy Beemer, Gary Strome, Louisa Andersen, Diego Lopez

Staff: Alex Gordon, AnnaRose Cunningham

Roadway Safety

Cunningham reviewed Complete Streets, the NFRMPO's Safety – Towards Zero Deaths, locations of crashes within the NFRMPO region, the number and rates of serious injury and fatal crashes, National Roadway Safety strategy (Safe Systems Approach) focusing on addressing serious injury and fatal crashes, how safety is funded and addressed in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), the federal performance measures for which the NFRMPO must set targets, and how the NFRMPO is proactively getting better data with the Bike and Ped Safety Reporter Tool. Cunningham explained the Vulnerable Road Users Special Rule, which requires states with more than 15 percent of fatal crashes involving a cyclist or pedestrian to spend Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds on projects that benefit vulnerable road users. The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program will help communities address safety issues through action planning and implementation grants. Cunningham reviewed countermeasures and their incorporation into the Project Scoring for NFRMPO Calls for Projects.

Beemer asked if the national numbers were rates or raw numbers after Cunningham noted that 42,000 people died on US roads in 2021. Cunningham stated the national numbers are raw numbers, while the region accounts for raw numbers and rates. York asked if the crash data included crashes that were not reported to law enforcement. Cunningham responded the crashes are the ones reported to the Department of Revenue. York asked when data is analyzed in the Safe System approach. Cunningham responded part of the Safe System Approach is analyzing data to address similar types of intersections or crash types, not just at one intersection. Beemer asked if driver data is also analyzed. Cunningham responded education campaigns or focused interventions can be designed to address driver-related factors, including an example from Lakewood where they plan to change streetlighting to improve drivers' sightlines. Andersen asked if the data delineates between the vulnerable user and motorists. Cunningham noted the data the NFRMPO receives does not necessarily give all the details.

2023 Meeting Dates and Topics

Cunningham asked if the group would prefer to continue holding meetings on the second Thursday of each month. York noted he has conflicts coming up. Cunningham reviewed suggestions for 2023 meeting dates and topics. Other attendees noted the night works. Cunningham will follow up with other members. Topics for 2023 include the 2050 RTP, Land Use Model, the Congestion Management Process (CMP), and emerging transportation trends. York suggested discussions of active transportation and making progress on that network as well as updates on the Front Range Passenger Rail District.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.