

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting  
December 21, 2022  
1:00 – 2:36 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  
Omar Herrera – Windsor  
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins  
Will Jones – Greeley  
Rusty McDaniel – Larimer County alternate  
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans  
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County  
Josie Thomas – CDOT

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

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

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Emma Belmont – FTA  
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Adam Olinger – Berthoud  
Town of Garden City  
Town of LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Caleb Feaver – Fox Tuttle  
Candice Folkers – COLT  
Nicole Hahn – Loveland  
Tamara Keefe – FHU  
Will Keenan – FHWA  
Katlyn Kelly – Transfort  
Katrina Kloberdanz – CDOT  
Deanna McIntosh – CDOT  
Bryce Reeves – CDOT

**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 NOVEMBER 16, 2022 TAC MINUTES**

Oberschmidt moved to approve the November 16, 2022 TAC minutes. Relford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Chuang reported the State Implementation Plans (SIPs) were approved by the AQCC and will move to the legislature and EPA for final approval. The RAQC will restart the Control Strategies Committee meetings on January 18, 2023 and anyone interested in participating may contact him for details. Bornhoft noted the Transportation Commission made an amendment to PD1610 to address impacts to Disproportionately Impacted (DI) communities. Bornhoft stated an IGA is in progress between CDPHE, CDOT, and the NFRMPO on GHG modeling, a draft of which is anticipated to be taken to Planning Council in February.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2023 Task Updates** – Relford moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Election of 2023 TAC Officers** – Karasko stated elections will be held for both Chair and Vice-Chair. White nominated Eric Tracy for Chair; Relford seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. McDaniel nominated White for Vice-Chair; Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**FY2023-2025 Additional Allocations** – Cunningham reviewed the Additional Allocation proposal which includes fully funding all projects from the previous two Calls for Projects, except for the *North LCR 17 Expansion* project which will receive a partial award to fit the County's schedule. There will be \$2,049K FY2024-2025 funds remaining to be awarded in a separate call.

Cunningham noted there had been discussion about the Greeley/CDOT joint application for the MERGE project during the MMOF Call for Projects resulting in a \$7M award to one project. TAC discussed revisiting the allowability for state agencies to apply for NFRMPO funds in future Calls for Projects and setting project level maximum requests. Relford noted further discussions on priorities and the regionality of projects awarded through the NFRMPO would be needed.

Donaldson asked if there was consideration of holding a separate Call for all the available funding as opposed to awarding the funds to waitlisted and unfunded projects. Cunningham noted that option was presented to TAC during the discussion in November but due to the availability of current fiscal year funds, there was a desire to award the funds more immediately.

Oberschmidt moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the FY2023-2025 Additional Allocations. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION**

**HSIP Application Process** – David Swenka, CDOT, reviewed the purpose and requirements for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on December 16, 2022 with \$2.9M available to be awarded to local agencies in CDOT Region 4 for State Fiscal Year (FY)2026. HSIP funds require a 10 percent local match unless it is a state highway project in

which case the State will cover the match. Swenka reviewed the evaluation criteria for site specific and systemic safety improvement projects and included examples from previously awarded projects. HSIP applications are due in February 2023. Applications will be screened and evaluated by CDOT Region 4 and Headquarters staff and award notices will be issued in April 2023.

Relford asked if off-system projects were prioritized over on-system projects, and Swenka verified that was correct. Relford asked if ADA projects were allowed under the HSIP program. Swenka noted ADA projects improve safety but are not an allowable HSIP-project type because they are not part of the proven safety countermeasures. There is not a crash reduction factor for ADA improvement projects.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2019-2023 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures** – Cunningham reviewed the requirements for setting targets for safety performance measures. Targets must be data driven and set annually based on a five-year average. Cunningham presented crash trends for Colorado and the NFRMPO and identified data issues. Cunningham presented two target setting options: supporting the State’s targets or setting regional targets.

TAC discussed the crash trends and the interplay between the Federally required safety performance measures and the NFRMPO goal of Moving Towards Zero Deaths. Cunningham stated the targets are required to be data driven and not aspirational. Swenka noted CDOT’s Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) assumed a 15 percent reduction in crashes over the life of the plan as crash trends had been declining at the time the plan was adopted. The impacts of the pandemic have resulted in higher crash trends therefore CDOT has set targets to reflect the current reality for the 2019-2023 performance period. Cunningham noted the NFRMPO does not currently have a Vision Zero plan or timeline for reaching zero deaths or serious injuries. If this type of plan was implemented in the region targets could be set to reflect progress towards zero.

Cunningham stated the Staff recommendation is to support the State’s targets due to the issues in data and as has been completed for prior performance periods. The NFRMPO must adopt the safety performance targets by February 27, 2023.

**PM2: Pavement and Bridge Condition and PM3: System Performance** – Rouser outlined Federally required performance measures for which the NFRMPO is required to set targets for the second performance period covering 2022-2025. Rouser presented the PM2 and PM3 targets set by CDOT on October 1, 2022 along with the NFRMPO status for each of the targets. The NFRMPO has the option to support the statewide targets or set regionally specific targets for the second performance period by March 30, 2023.

## **OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS**

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

**Regional Transit Agencies** – Jones noted GET will be fare free during the upcoming inclement weather.

**Mobility Updates** – Schmitt reported the Trip Discovery Tool will soon be launched and the Trip Scheduling Tool will be in development over the course of the next year. LCMC and WCMC will meet together quarterly in 2023 as the Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC).

## **REPORTS**

**December 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**

Cunningham stated the NFRMPO is still interested in more local agency photos. Gordon reported the NFRMPO applied for the CDOT grant to establish the US34 TMO, and the timeline for award notifications is unknown.

Will Keenan introduced himself stating he is part of the FHWA Professional Development Program working as a planner in the Colorado Division office.

Karasko stated 2023 TAC meeting invitations will be sent out following the meeting.

White noted the Little Thompson Trail has gone to bid, the kickoff meeting will be in early January, and the project is scheduled to be complete in May 2023.

Bornhoft noted the Model Steering Team will resume meeting in early 2023. Any interested TAC members can reach out to her.

Thomas stated TAP applications will be open beginning in February.

Barzak stated the Great Western Trail connection project, which was funded through TAP and MMOF, is 90 percent complete with final work to be completed in the spring.

Mallette noted there may be a presentation from Northern Water about the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) at an upcoming Planning Council meeting.

## **MEETING WRAP-UP**

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, as a hybrid meeting.**