



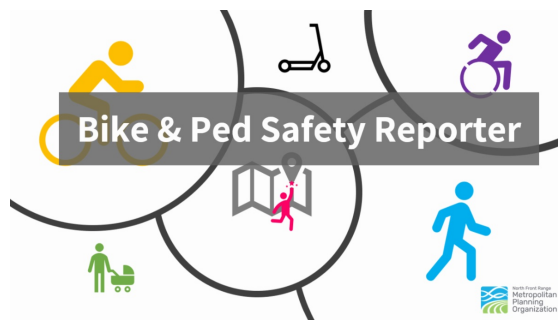
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The NFRMPO identified several action steps to improve active transportation in the NFRMPO region as part of the [2021 Regional Active Transportation Plan](#).

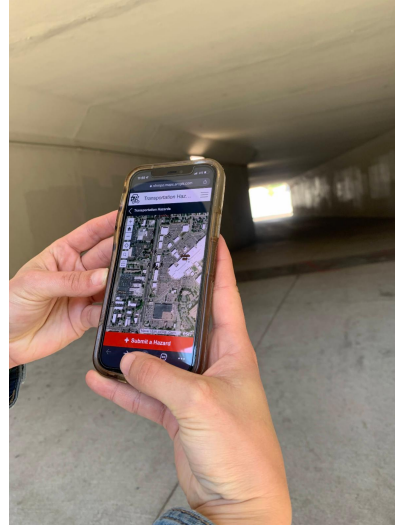
One of the safety-focused action steps is the development of a regional crowdsourced reporting tool to supplement crash data and identify areas in the region where individuals feel unsafe using active transportation. Often, parts of the transportation system are only deemed unsafe after an incident happens.

This spring the NFRMPO and regional partners worked to create and pilot the [Bike and Ped Safety Reporter](#) tool. This tool gives the general public the ability to report hazards to people walking, biking, or rolling without a major incident. Some examples of hazards that can be reported are listed in the sidebar.

#### **Hazards**

- Accessibility Issues (missing curb ramps, tactile warning strips, audible crossings, etc.)
- Not enough time to cross at a crosswalk

- Poor lighting
- Missing sidewalks, bike lanes, or crosswalks
- Sidewalk or bike lane obstructed



Over the next year, the NFRMPO and partners will work to promote the tool to residents of and visitors to the region. Once a report is made, the NFRMPO will forward the information on to transportation and safety professionals in the relevant jurisdictions. This tool will help the NFRMPO, and partners better understand reasons people may not feel safe using an active transportation mode or what might be a barrier for someone to choose to walk, bike, or roll. While you are out and around walking, biking, scooting, or rolling this summer, keep the [Bike and Ped Safety Reporter tool](#) in your back pocket (or bookmarked in your phone!) to help your community identify where safety improvements can be made.

Visit the [Bike and Ped Safety Reporter Dashboard](#) for an overview of reports submitted to the tool. To stay up to date on this and other safety initiatives the NFRMPO is working on, visit [nfrmpo.org/safety](https://nfrmpo.org/safety)

## PAFC Midtown Fort Collins Walk Audit

On June 2nd, 2022, the Partnership for Age Friendly Communities (PAFC) Mobility and Access Priority Group (MAPG) conducted a walk audit of Midtown Fort Collins.

Over 20 members of the community representing agencies such as the NFRMO, the City of Fort Collins, Larimer County Department of Health & Environment, Larimer County Office on Aging, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, SAINT Volunteer Transportation, and citizens participated in the 2 hour assessment.



Participants split into six groups to assess walkability and accessibility near the Foothills Mall property and along College Avenue (US287) corridor in Midtown Fort Collins, including access to and from the two Transfort MAX bus rapid transit (BRT) stations serving the district.

In addition to taking notes with pen and paper, each group documented the pedestrian experience utilizing the [NFRMPO Bike & Pedestrian Safety Reporter Tool](#). In total, 95 unique reports were made using this tool during the audit.

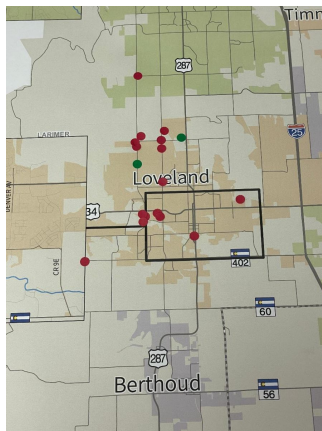
The NFRMPO will publish an ArcGIS Online Story Map summarizing the feedback and photos provided through this walk audit. Data extracted from this event can be found on [ArcGIS Online](#).



## Bike to Work Day



Bike to Work (or Anywhere!) Day was June 22. NFRMPO staff co-hosted two stations this year, one in Fort Collins at the corner of Canyon Ave and Magnolia Street with VFLA Architecture and Ripley Design, and one in Loveland at 35th Street and Taft Ave with Safe Kids Larimer County. The two stations combined had over 150 visitors and Staff was able to have some great conversations with residents of the communities about transportation, safety, and mobility.



In Loveland, visitors to the station placed dots on a map of the region in places where they feel are the safest and least safe to ride a bike. This information will help the City of Loveland and the NFRMPO in future plans.

Additionally, the Loveland station had several groups of children cyclists (both accompanied by adults and alone) who were excited that they were included in the Bike to Anywhere Day. Kiddos who didn't have helmets were fitted with a new helmet through Safe Kids Larimer County. In Fort Collins, staff had conversations with visitors about various trails connecting Fort Collins to other communities, and teaching cyclists about the [Colorado Safety Stop](#).

In both communities Staff talked to cyclists and walkers about the NFRMPO's [Bike and Ped Safety Reporter](#) tool and how the tool can help local agencies

### Did you know?



At outreach events over the summer, NFRMPO Staff use trivia to help start conversations with people about transportation. During the event, one trivia player was asked 'In the United States, how many missed medical appointments each year are due to a lack of transportation?' The player answered the question correctly and stated that often is the case for his wife, who is unable to drive herself and has missed several appointments already this year. Because of this trivia question, Staff was then able to provide him with relevant information about the [RideNoCo](#) program!



## NFRMPO to Award \$9.9M in Multimodal Transportation Funding

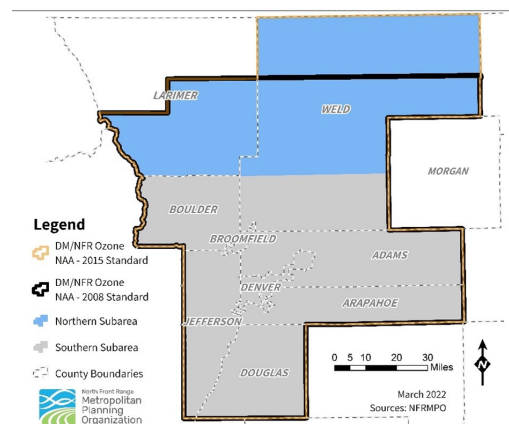


The NFRMPO held a Call for Projects to award \$9.9M in Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) State funding to projects within the region. The MMOF program was created in 2018 with Colorado Senate Bill (SB)-001 and amended in 2021 with SB-260. These bills outlined that the goal of the MMOF program is to promote a complete and integrated multimodal transportation system which:

- Benefits seniors by making aging in place more feasible;
- Benefits residents of rural and disproportionately impacted (DI) communities by providing them with more accessible and flexible public transportation services;
- Provides enhanced mobility for persons with disabilities;
- Provides safe routes to school for children; and
- Reduces emissions of air pollutants and Greenhouse Gases (GHG) that contribute to adverse environmental effects, including but not limited to climate change and adverse human health effects.

During the application window, the NFRMPO received 12 applications from seven NFRMPO member agencies, with requests totaling approximately \$17.4M. A Scoring Committee made up of project sponsors and NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members met on June 14, 2022 to score and rank projects to be recommended for funding. A total of nine projects have been recommended for full or partial funding. The NFRMPO Planning Council is scheduled to approve MMOF awards at their meeting on August 4, 2022. Do not forget to check the Autumn 2022 edition of the *On the Move* Newsletter to learn details about all of the projects or visit the [Call for Projects page on the NFRMPO website](#).

## EPA's Ozone Reclassification Proposal



On April 13, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a proposal to reclassify the Denver Metro/North Front Range (DM/NFR) 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to "Severe" from its current status as "Serious" for the 2008 ozone standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb). The DM/NFR Ozone Nonattainment Area covers all or portions of nine counties, including the entirety of the NFRMPO. The EPA is proposing reclassification because the Nonattainment Area did not attain the 2008 ozone standard by the July 20, 2021 deadline as required

in the Clean Air Act.



The EPA is also proposing to reclassify the region for the more stringent 2015 ozone standard of 70 ppb, also due to a failure to attain the standard by the required deadline. The Nonattainment Area is currently classified as “Marginal” for the 2015 ozone standard and EPA is proposing a classification of “Moderate”. The reclassifications are expected to take effect in fall 2022. Major impacts of the reclassification to “Severe” includes a requirement to switch from conventional gasoline to federal reformulated gasoline and lowering the threshold of major sources from 50 tons per year to 25 tons per year, which means additional pollution sources will be required to obtain State permits.

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## Coming Soon: RTP Update for Greenhouse Gas Compliance



In 2021 and 2022, new State requirements to account for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from transportation plans were implemented. To address these requirements, the NFRMPO is updating the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and developing a GHG Transportation Report. The 30-day public comment period on the 2045 RTP is expected to open in mid-August, with Planning Council adoption scheduled for late September or early October. To subscribe for emailed updates on the RTP, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/subscribe-to-rtp-updates/>.

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## Front Range Passenger Rail District



During the 2021 Session, the Colorado Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 238—Create Front Range Passenger Rail District, to build on the work of the Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission (SWC&FRPRC) established in SB17-153. Through SB21-238, a District with the purpose of planning, designing, financing, construction, operating, and maintaining a passenger rail system along the Front Range was created.

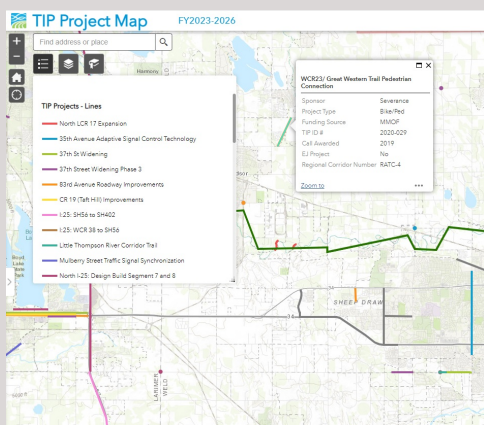
While the SWC&FRPRC was able to provide local match to numerous grant applications for work on the Southwest Chief Thru-Car Alternatives Analysis, the Commission also selected a consultant to complete the Front Range Passenger Rail Alternatives Analysis. The Study, completed in December 2020, reviewed all potential alignments for a passenger rail line along the Front Range, from Trinidad to Fort Collins. TO further the work of the Commission and to move the Front Range Passenger Rail project forward, SB21-238 created the Rail District.

SB21-238 also directed that a Board of Directors be created to govern the District convene for their first meeting by May 15, 2022 with the Commission terminated on July 1, 2022. The District Board is comprised of 17 members, including, 10 appointees of transportation planning organizations within the District boundary (this includes the NFRMPO), six Governor-appointed members, and one member appointed by the Executive Director of CDOT.

Information on the District as well as on upcoming meetings can be found here: <https://www.frontrangepassengerrail.com>.

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## New Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



The NFRMPO Planning Council adopted the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on May 5, 2022. A new TIP becomes effective upon the start of a new State fiscal year, which in Colorado is on July 1. The FY2023-2026 includes projects which have been awarded funding through NFRMPO Calls for Projects and also projects located in the NFRMPO region which have been awarded other State and Federal funding.

A new addition to the TIP this year is the inclusion of an online, interactive TIP project map. The map includes NFRMPO-funded projects which have funding in years 2023-2026. Project details include name, funding and project type, year in project was awarded funding in a Call for Projects, whether it is an Environmental Justice (EJ) project, and what regional corridor the project is located on. Click the image to visit the online interactive map.

The FY2023-2026 TIP can be found [here](#). Current and past TIPs including amendments and modifications to the current TIP can be found at [nfrmpo.org/tip](https://nfrmpo.org/tip).

## Mobility News in Northern Colorado

### Welcome Sheereen Ibtesam!



Sheereen will be serving her second AmeriCorps VISTA term as the NFRMPO Outreach Specialist with the United Way of Weld County. She has served previously as the Transportation Access Specialist AmeriCorps VISTA with the United Way of Tarrant County in Fort Worth, Texas. Her duties involved building public outreach and awareness of low-cost transportation options, identifying gaps in service, and recommending programmatic enhancements. Sheereen brings experience in multimodal transportation and community planning. Her interests are in intermodal mobility, transportation policy, new urbanism, and equitable transit-oriented development.

She holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a specialization in Environment, Transportation Planning and Infrastructure and served as Secretary of the UTSA Urban Planning Student Association (UPSA)-awarded the 2020 American Planning Association the National Planning Student Association of the Year.

Sheereen will be developing and implementing community outreach plans to increase awareness of the NFRMPO's RideNoCo and transportation demand management (TDM) programs. She will also collaborate with stakeholders and businesses to increase awareness of available transportation options and resources through educational programming and outreach.

Sheereen can be reached at [sibtesam@nfrmpo.org](mailto:sibtesam@nfrmpo.org) or 970-300-1076.





Ozone remains one of the pressing air quality issues of the North Front Range. The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) tracks regional ozone and provides data each week for the public on [its 8-hour Ozone Summary](#) page. In partnership with the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, the RAQC is also undertaking planning efforts to meet federal air quality standards for ozone. That work is described in the State Implementation Plan, which will be presented to the RAQC Board in July. Public participation is highly encouraged at the RAQC-led [Control Strategy Committee and Work Group](#), where efforts are ongoing to identify and advance strategies to improve air quality in our region. For more information, please visit the RAQC's [Air Quality Planning page](#).

## Get Involved

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us virtually at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/calendar>, and to download meeting materials, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials>.



## Summer Events

During the summer, NFRMPO staff attends community events and festivals to have conversations with the public about the various projects and plans the agency is undertaking. Check the NFRMPO Calendar at [nfrmpo.org/calendar](https://nfrmpo.org/calendar) and social media pages for updates.

NFRMPO staff will attend the following events:

- July 9th: Eaton Days
- July 16th: LaSalle Day
- August 13th: Milliken Beef N Bean Day
- August 20th: Severance Days
- August 26-27th: Corn Roast Festival
- August 28th: Open Streets
- September 4-5th: Windsor Harvest Festival
- September 17th: Evans Heritage Day
- September 17th: Timnath Fall Festival



Due to current circumstance regarding COVID-19 many meetings are being conducted virtually or a hybrid of virtual and in person. Please check our [Events Calendar](#) for the most up to date information.

### Upcoming Events

**July 1, 2022**

Independence Day  
Holiday

**-NFRMPO Office Closed**

**July 4, 2022**

Independence Day  
**-NFRMPO Office Closed**

**July 7, 2022**

Planning Council

**July 13, 2022**

NoCo Bike and Ped  
Collaborative

**July 20, 2022**

Technical Advisory  
Committee (TAC)

**July 21, 2022**

Larimer County Mobility  
Committee (LCMC)

**August 4, 2022**

Mobility and Access  
Priority Group

**September 2, 2022**

Labor Day Holiday  
**-NFRMPO Office Closed**

**September 5, 2022**

Labor Day  
**-NFRMPO Office Closed**

### Recurring Meetings

**North I-25 Coalition** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**NFRMPO Council** meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Mobility and Access Priority Group** (formerly the Senior Transportation Coalition) meets the first Thursday every other month (August) at 1:30 p.m.

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (July and September) at 1:30 p.m.

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (August) at 1:30 p.m.

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** meets the second Thursday every other month at 6:00 p.m.