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On the Move: Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates

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Read on for the latest transportation updates along the North Front Range.

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NoCo Shift Your Ride Challenge



The NoCo Shift Your Ride Challenge encourages participants to shift at least one ride a week from a single occupant vehicle (SOV) to an alternative mode during September and October. There are 83 participants from all around Northern Colorado. The communities

represented are Fort Collins, Larimer County, Windsor, Eaton, Estes Park, Greeley, Loveland, and Timnath.

By shifting their ride, participants are lowering their carbon footprint and contributing to the region's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If you would like to participate, you can sign up at nfrmpo.org/shift. The website also includes access to different resources including [the Regional Alternative Transportation Map](#). This map contains trail information, existing transit lines, and even includes sidewalk locations. The site also has the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator which will allow you to track your Greenhouse Gas emission reductions.

NFRMPO Wraps Up Summer Outreach

Following a two year pause on attending in-person events, NFRMPO and RideNoCo staff attended 16 events between April and September 2022. From LaSalle to Eaton, Fort Collins to Berthoud and several cities and towns in between, NFRMPO Staff interacted with over 3,600 community members. During the events, visitors to the NFRMPO booth of all ages spun the Transportation Trivia wheel to win prizes including bike lights, water bottles, and globe stress balls. Trivia questions spark conversations between players and staff about the NFRMPO, RideNoCo, and VanGo™ in addition to helping educate the community about bike and pedestrian safety, mobility options, and ozone issues.



Some of the major themes which were discussed throughout the summer were transit options in the North Front Range, including future community connections and the LinkNoCo study; bike and ped safety, including the Bike and Ped Safety Reporting Tool and the Colorado Safety Stop; and the NoCo Shift Your Ride campaign.

NFRMPO Staff periodically attend events throughout the region outside of the summer months. Stay up to date on these events by [checking our calendar](#) and following us on social media (@nfrmpo).

Public Involvement Plan Open for Public Comment

Every four years, the NFRMPO updates its Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which identifies the NFRMPO's goals, desired outcomes, and strategies for the public involvement process. Additionally, the PIP identifies what the public should expect from the NFRMPO, including accessible and transparent information, and acknowledgment of the public's opinions, values, and needs.

The 2022 PIP includes lessons learned about public engagement during the time of COVID-19 as well as updated strategies to be implemented including the use of new technology and partnership opportunities.



The Draft 2022 PIP is open for [public comment](#) through November 5, 2022 and can be found by clicking the image and on the [NFRMPO's Public Involvement page](#).



The NFRMPO's [Community Advisory Committee \(CAC\)](#) is an ongoing forum for members of the community to provide input into the transportation planning process at all stages of project development. NFRMPO staff facilitate meetings, educating the public on NFRMPO process and how they can get involved in transportation planning at the regional and local levels. The CAC meets virtually every second Thursday of the month. Any community member

who does not currently serve on an NFRMPO Committee is eligible to apply.

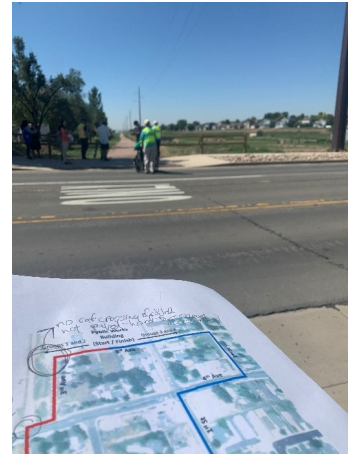
Applications for the CAC are open on a rolling basis with the next round of applications to be reviewed on November 4, 2022. Membership applications are available at <https://forms.gle/zZYRGcZubqa1RQKWA>.

For more information you can view the info sheet by clicking the image. For any questions about the CAC, please email AnnaRose Cunningham arcunningham@nfrmpo.org.

Severance Walk Audit

The Town of Severance and the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative led a Walk Audit through the town on August 10, 2022. More than 20 attendees walked the one-mile loop, discussing improvements to sidewalks, crossings, and trails as they went. A few key themes were discussed:

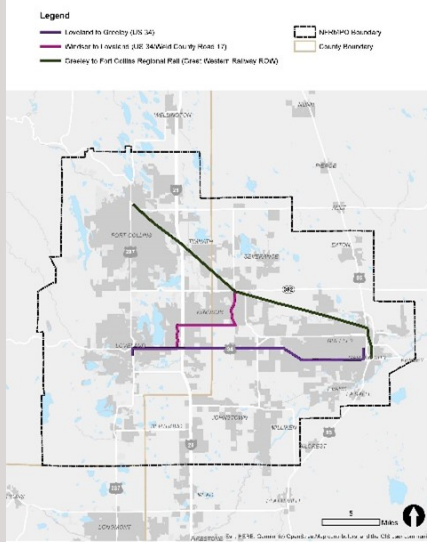
- Accessibility, including the grading of the trails, wheelchair access, and signage
- Connectivity, including sidewalk widths, consistency, and otherwise
- Need for shade and other pedestrian amenities
- Safe crossings, especially crossing Weld County Road 74 on the Great Western Trail



The NFRMPO prepared an [ArcMap Storymap](#) to catalog the day, including photos, responses using the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool, and recommendations. Groups interested in setting up walk and bike audits can reach out to planning@nfrmpo.org or mobility@nfrmpo.org.

LinkNoCo Draft Report Released for Public Comment

In early 2020, the NFRMPO Planning Council approved Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Funds (MMOF) for the development of a regional transit study called the North Front Range Premium Transit Analysis. The



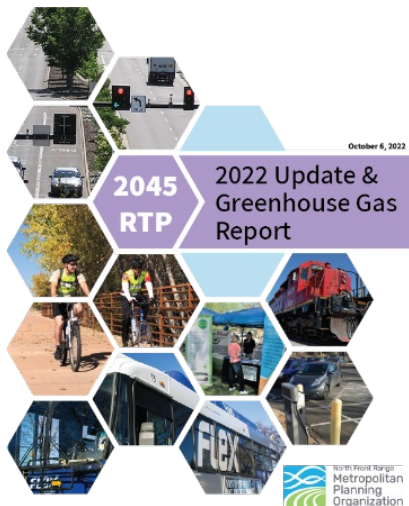
purpose of this study, now dubbed LinkNoCo, is to prioritize corridors for investments in premium transit, building off the work in the 2045 Regional Transit Element (RTE).

Throughout 2021 and 2022, the NFRMPO worked with its consultant, HDR, to convene a Guidance Committee (GC) and Governance and Finance Policy Advisory Committee (GFPAC), undertake public engagement throughout the process, analyze the 2045 RTE corridors, prioritize the corridors with recommendations for implementation, and identify funding and governance for the recommended corridors.

The draft report was released for public

comment on October 6th and can be reviewed at this link: nfrmpo.org/transit/linknoco.

2045 Regional Transportation Plan 2022 RTP Update



The NFRMPO has updated the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to comply with the Colorado GHG Planning Standard. The 2045 RTP 2022 Update incorporates new project data from three Calls for Projects, more specificity in projects, and a redistribution of funds toward supporting multimodal investments in the region's transportation system. The 2022 Update also adds additional detail on Transfort's West Elizabeth Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

As required, the NFRMPO completed a Conformity Determination Report for the 2022

Update, which also included the expanded Northern Subarea of the nonattainment area to include all of northern Weld County. Based on results from CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division (APCD), the 2045 RTP 2022 Update passed conformity for the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). A 30-day public comment period on the Conformity Determination was open from August 26 through September 25, 2022. A public hearing related to the conformity determination was held October 6, 2022, and no comments were received.

The NFRMPO released the 2045 RTP 2022 Update on August 19, 2022 for public comment. The 2045 RTP 2022 Update was approved by the NFRMPO Planning Council on October 6, 2022, and will be submitted to CDOT, FHWA, and FTA for their approval.

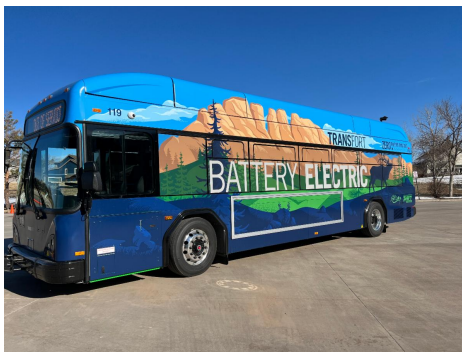
NFRMPO staff continues progress on the 2050 RTP.

Major updates for the 2050 RTP underway include:

- Improvements to the Land Use Allocation Model (LUAM) and Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM)
- Vision planning for the Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs), Regional Transit Corridors (RTCs), and Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs)
- Performance management, including setting of new and updated performance measures and targets



Transit Agencies in Northern Colorado See Increased Ridership Through Fare Free Transit Month



Transit can have a sizeable impact on improving our air quality, and funding from SB22-180-[Programs to Reduce Ozone Through Increased Transit](#) is making free transit possible to do so. Throughout the month of August 2022, transit agencies across the state provided a month of fare transit. In the NFRMPO region, Greeley Evans Transit (GET) and City of Loveland Transit (COLT) provided fare-free transit in

addition to the currently free Transfort in Fort Collins. Here are the results of ridership comparing August 2022 to August 2021:

- COLT: +33%
- GET: +38%
- Transfort: +14%

All three agencies are working on recovering ridership back to 2019 pre-Pandemic levels, and efforts like Zero Fare for Better Air are making it more possible. It is expected the program will return for August 2023, which falls during the heart of the region's ozone season.

Mobility News in Northern Colorado

Bustang Service Announcement



Beginning on September 6th, CDOT's state-wide transit service Bustang added 2 additional daily round trips on the North line serving Fort Collins, Loveland and Denver (see schedule below). Service information can be found at this link:

<https://ridebustang.com/north-line-service-changes/>

Additionally, Bustang has announced a November 1st start date of the Sterling-Greeley-Denver Outrider Route. Questions regarding this new Outrider Route

should be directed to Jeff Prillwitz (jeffrey.prillwitz@state.co.us)

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Northbound

RUN#	MONDAY - FRIDAY	WEEKEND/ HOLIDAY	DENVER UNION STATION	US 34 & I-25 LOVELAND	HARMONY TRANSFER CENTER	FT. COLLINS DOWNTOWN TRANSFER CENTER
604	x		9:45 AM	10:35 AM	10:50 AM	11:10 AM
606	x		1:25 PM	2:15 PM	2:30 PM	2:50 PM
608	x		3:45 PM	4:45 PM	5:05 PM	5:25 PM

CO/WY Transit Feasibility Study Online Open House



The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) / Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) are conducting a transit connection feasibility analysis

between northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.

There will be several opportunities to provide feedback on the type of transit you would like to see connecting Northern Colorado with the Cheyenne, Wyoming, area.

To participate in the Online Open House click [here](#).

Please reach out to mobility@nfrmpo.org if your organization would like to include mobility engagement opportunities or information for next quarter's newsletter. This could include public outreach efforts, surveys, announcements, etc.

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>.



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

Recurring Meetings

October 6, 2022

Mobility and Access Priority
Group
Planning Council

October 12, 2022

NoCo Bike and Ped
Collaborative

October 13, 2022

Community Advisory
Committee

October 19, 2022

Technical Advisory
Committee (TAC)

October 25, 2022

Joint Mobility Committee

November 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Day
-NFRMPO Office Closed

November 25, 2022

Thanksgiving Holiday
-NFRMPO Office Closed

December 23, 2022

Christmas Holiday
-NFRMPO Office Closed

December 26, 2022

Christmas Day
-NFRMPO Office Closed

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 (October) at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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