

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee Meeting —AGENDA February 28, 2023 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Windsor Community Recreation Center - Buckeye/Redwood Room (250 11th St. Windsor, CO 80550)

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS (1:00-1:35PM)

1) Overview of Agenda Mobility Team

2) Introductions & Speed Networking All

PRESENTATION & ACTIVITY (1:35-2:10PM)

1) NFRMPO 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Gordon/Cunningham

BREAK (2:10-2:15PM)

Snacks and refreshments to be provided

PRESENTATIONS (2:15-3:15PM)

2) IntelliRide/Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Sedon/Johnson

3) RideNoCo, Mobility Action Plan 2023 Updates Mobility Team

WRAP UP (3:15-3:30PM)

1) Roundtable All

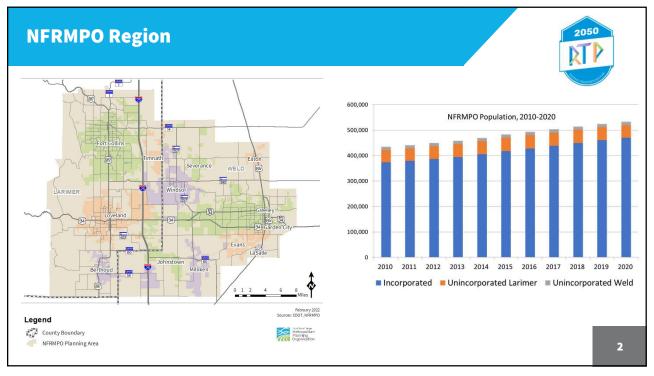
Next Meetings:

• Weld County Mobility Committee: March 28th, 2023

• Larimer County Mobility Committee: April 25th, 2023

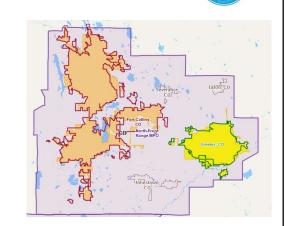
Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: May 23rd, 2023





RTP Overview

- Identify how the metropolitan area will manage and operate a multimodal transportation system to meet the region's economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals
- 20+-year planning horizon
- Fiscally constrained
- Must update at least every 4 years due to region's nonattainment area status



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More info: https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/transportation-planning/metropolitan-transportation-plan-mtp

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Chapters



1. Planning Context

What does our region/agency look like today?

2. Trends

Socioeconomic, transportation, emerging trends and technology, and security/safety

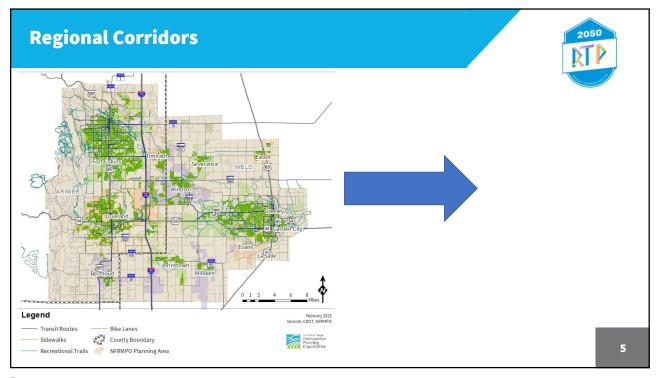
3. Visioning and Scenario Planning

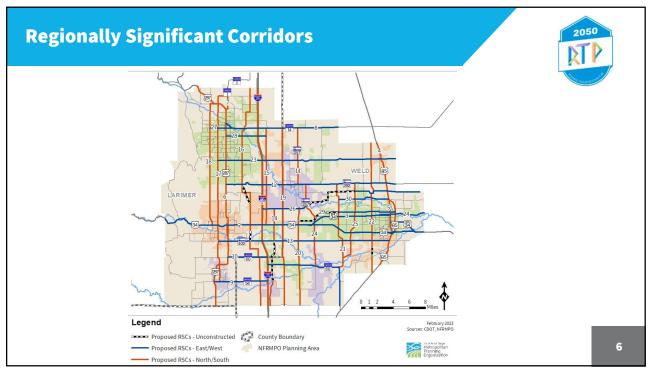
What does the region look like as it grows and develops?

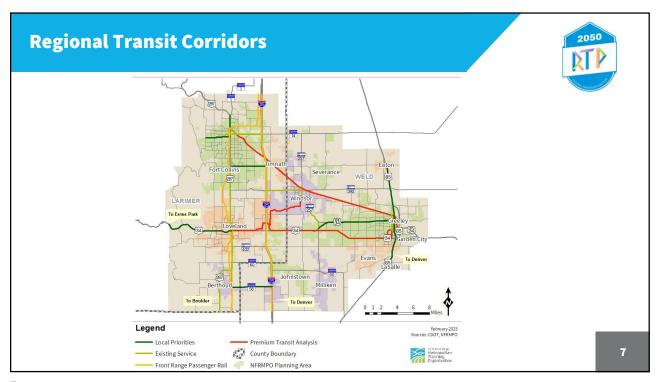
4. Funding and Financing

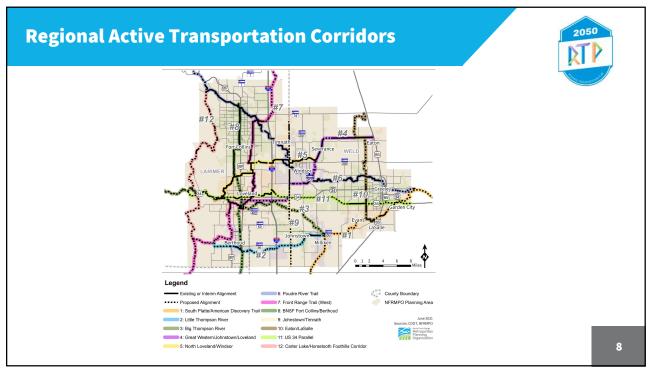
What projects should the region fund and with what money?

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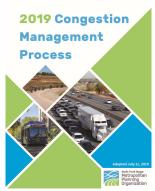




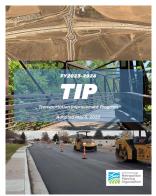








Congestion Management Process



Transportation Improvement Program

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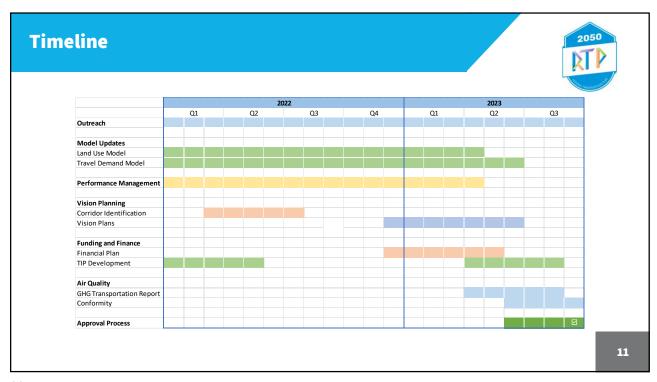


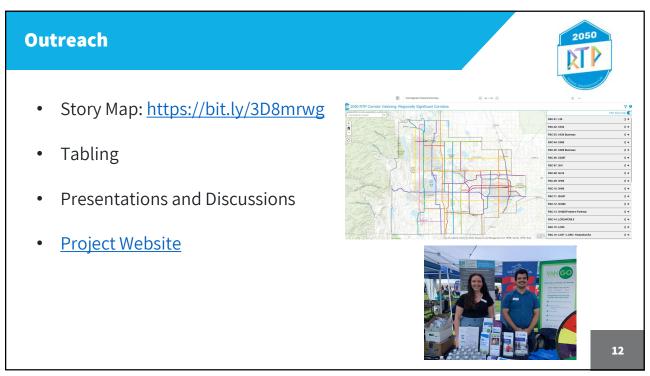
System Performance Report



GHG Transportation Report

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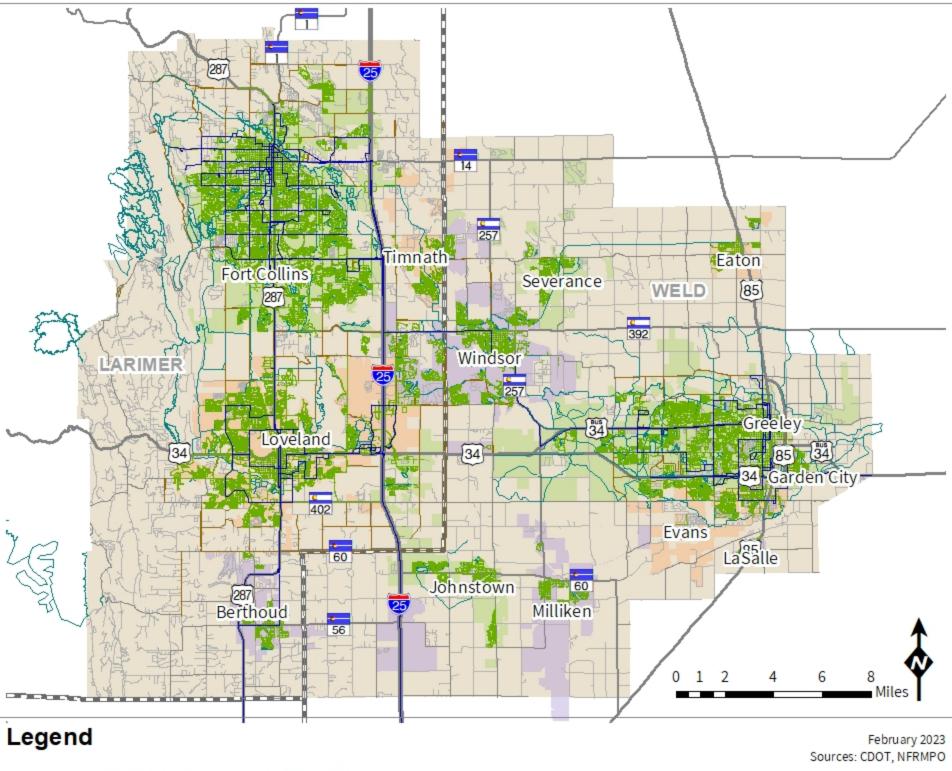
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---- Transit Routes

Bike Lanes

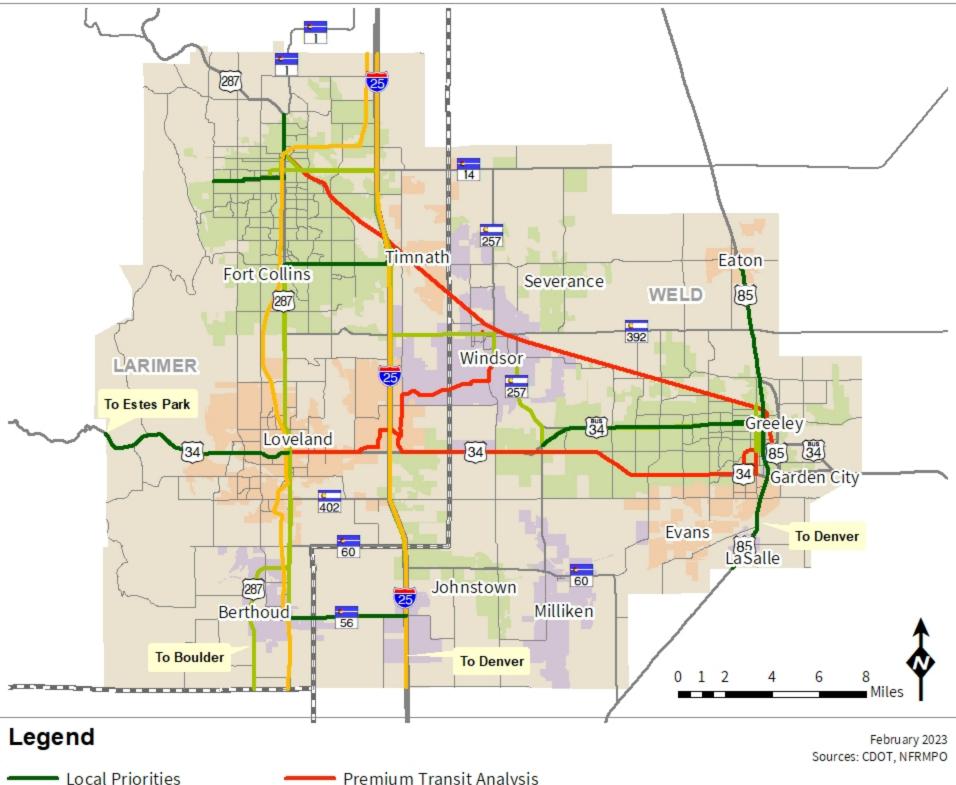
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County Boundary

Recreational Trails

NFRMPO Planning Area



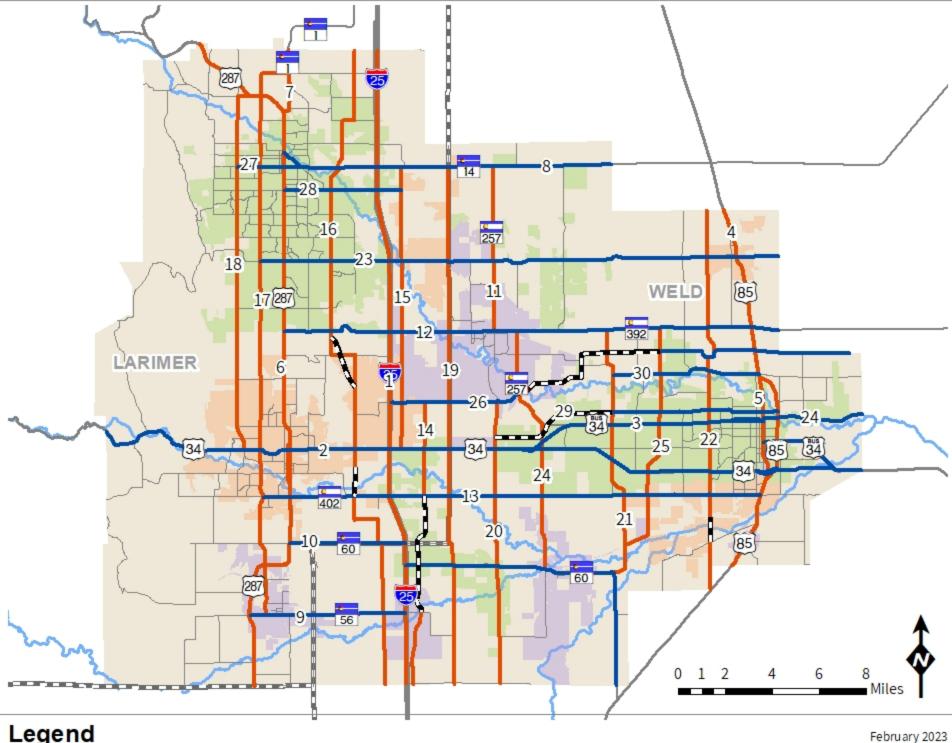


Local Priorities — Premium Transit Analysis

Existing Service County Boundary

Front Range Passenger Rail NFRMPO Planning Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization



Legend

Proposed RSCs - Unconstructed

Proposed RSCs - North/South

Proposed RSCs - East/West



County Boundary

NFRMPO Planning Area



Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO

2023 Mobility Calendar

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March

2023

Meeting Dates:

Jan. 24: LCMC

Feb. 28: NCMC

Mar. 28: WCMC

Apr. 25: LCMC

May 23: NCMC

June 27: WCMC

July 25: LCMC

Aug. 22: NCMC

Sept. 26: WCMC

Oct. 24: LCMC

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Joint Regional Mobility Commitee—MINUTES October 25th, 2022 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

In Person:

- Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO
- Hanna Johnson, NFRMPO
- Sheereen Ibtesam, NFRMPO
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Margie Martinez, Weld United Way
- Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Ruth Fletcher-Carter, RAFT
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Garrett Mumma, CO Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation

- Olga Gonzalez, WCDPHE
- Ari Edgley, Foothills Gateway
- Angela Woodall, Foothills Gateway
- Robyn Upton, WAND
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Lorraine Snow, Arc of Larimer County
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Anna Russo, Transfort
- Angel Bond- Boulder County Mobility & Access For All Coalition

Virtual:

- Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO
- Leiton Powell, GET
- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT

- Chris Montoya, Adeo
- Kathy Sargent, Arc of Weld County

2. Group Introductions and Review of Agenda

Both virtual and in person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

Presentations

- **1) Welcome & Introductions** Schmitt had all the attendees introduce themselves and the organization they represent.
 - **a. Speed Networking/Resource Fair-** Johnson gave instructions to the attendees for the speed-networking fair. Participants were able to better understand one another's organization and why they participate in Mobility Committees.



2) RideNoCo, Mobility Programming & NFRMPO Updates- Schmitt presented RideNoCo updates with mobility programming and transit mobility NFRMPO has been working on.

Schmitt presented the RideNoCo Call Center and Website Data. There were total 104 calls for 2022 year compared to 95 the last year. Total website visits were almost 1600. Majority of the calls came from Weld County with 64 calls, Larimer was a little more than half of Weld County with 34 calls. Other calls came from Boulder County or Denver metro. Majority of the calls were people aged 60+ with 61% of the calls. 55 out of 104 calls were medical calls.

Mumma asked if there was enough staff to handle the volume of calls. Schmitt responded yes, with 3 staff total to handle the volume of calls, 15 a month. If it ever got to the point where staff could not do their regular duties if call volume is high, a new position dedicated to RideNoCo calls would be considered.

Teets suggested that RideNoCo present to city councils in Weld and Larimer County. Schmitt replied there would be dedicated staff in mobility team to do outreach and travel training.

Schmitt presented a demo of the Trip Discovery tool to the attendees. The NFRMPO released a call for projects 10/26. The deadline for applications is 11/10/22. RideNoCo will utilize TDS compliant software by the end of 2023.

Johnson presented the 2022 Outreach Recap. There were 2x as many Rider Guides distributed in 2022 than 2021, which was total 3480. Also 19 total presentations, and 20 outreach events.

Johnson presented the RideNoCo Travel Training Program development as priority for Quarter 4 in 2022 with a roll out in early 2023. The vision is to inform Northern Colorado community of the existing transportation resources available, and empower participants to utilize the resources through information sharing, in addition to gathering feedback from participants on transportation gaps and needs within Northern Colorado. There would be two components to travel training: 1. Online module, 2. In-person training. Teets suggested the library for travel training. Johnson agreed.

Johnson presented DriveNoCo recruitment for new paid drivers and volunteer drivers. Kaliczak mentioned the problem of driver retention for ZTrip and finding people who have passion for driving and serving people getting them to their destinations and happy on the job. Blizter said you can teach skills to driver but cannot teach compassion. Kaliczak mentioned best drivers who were in very different fields previously such as nursing or who seemed overqualified for the job. If selling as a community asset for the people, will get a broad swath of people for driving job. Teets asked about driver qualifications. Kaliczak said insurance doesn't allow under 25 and max age is 72.

Johnson presented 2023 Joint Mobility meeting suggestions- Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Via Mobility Services. Russo suggested possibly a ride on the Poudre Express as a regional connection transit ride. Attendees agreed that having quarterly joint meetings would be



better while not increasing the total number of meetings within a year. Johnson and Schmitt said they will edit the calendar based on these suggestions

Schmitt announced that Via Mobility Services returning to Weld County for a 2-year period in late 2022 and early 2023.

Schmitt presented Bustang running 8 daily weekday roundtrips from Fort Collins Downtown Transit Center to Denver Union Station with stops in Harmony Rd Park & Ride and Loveland US34 Park & Ride. A Sterling-Greely Denver Bustang Outrider route will launch 11/1. Weekend frequency of the North Line will increase in 2023.

Schmitt presented the CO-WY Transit Feasibility Study results; the top preferred alignment was from Cheyenne to Fort Collins and Loveland loop.

Schmitt mentioned 2050 RTP long range transportation plan will be ongoing in 2023, considering all transportation modes- walking, biking, transit roadways, freight etc. Considering air quality and greenhouse gas impacts of transportation and updating land use allocation model and travel demand model for scenarios. It is also fiscally constrained with consideration of which projects in pipeline have potential for funding.

3) Presentations:

a. Boulder County Coordinated Plan + 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

- i. Bond presented Boulder County Mobility & Access For All Coordinated Plan and mentioned working with the NFRMPO Coordinated Plan. Overarching goals include accessibility, equity, reliability, efficiency, sustainability, and safety. They received feedback through a technical advisory committee, community partners, and focus groups. Bond mentioned they had a draft plan public comment period from February to March 2022, and their plan was adopted by Boulder County Commission on July 28.
- **ii.** Bond mentioned seeking funding for transit plan and Vision Zero Safe Route to School initiative Action Plan, and volunteer driver program in the mountainsworking with Via in the Nederland area. Lower density, volunteer driver program is more cost-effective.
- **iii.** Bond mentioned using and purchasing Streetlight data for transportation master plan. This enabled Boulder County where people were traveling from Census Block to Census Block.

b. IntelliRide/Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

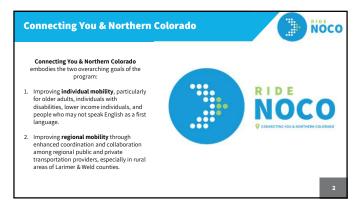
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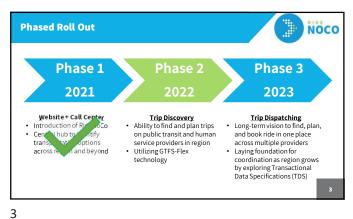


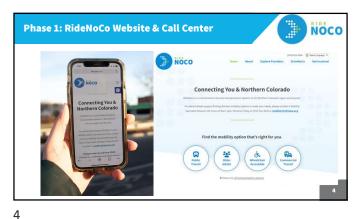
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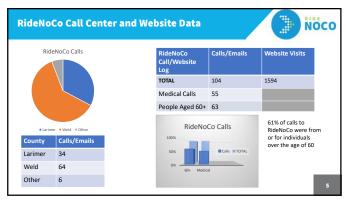
- a. LCMC November 17th
- b. WCMC December 13th
- c. 2023 Meeting Dates will be sent out for review by committee members by the end of November 2023.

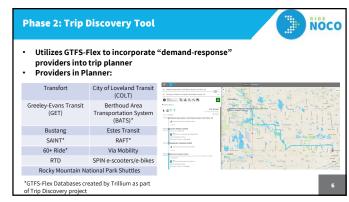




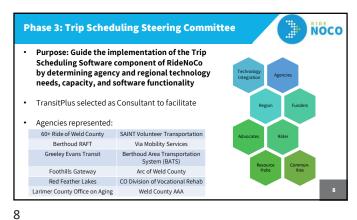












Project Timeline

March 31 Spring/Summer September Fall/Winter

September Fall/Winter

Project Kick-off Steering Committee
Determines RideNoCo
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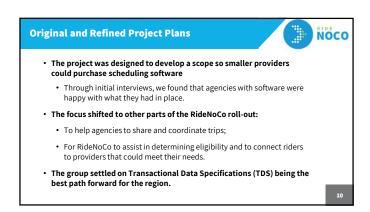
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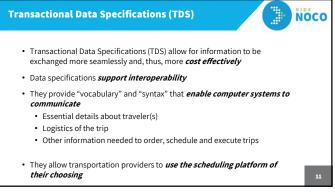
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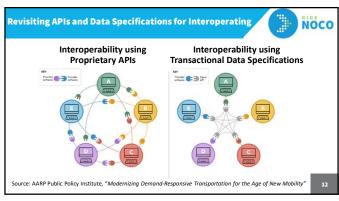
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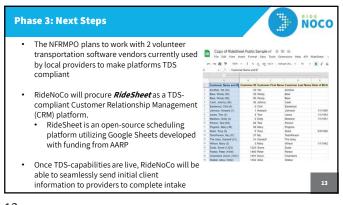


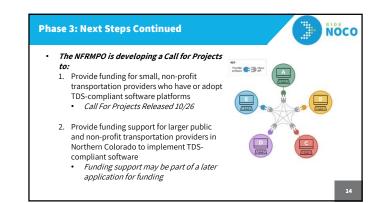
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2022 Outreach Recap/Data **Riders Guides** Distributed Events/Booths n Presentations 60 ride







Mobility Programming

Joint Mobility Committee

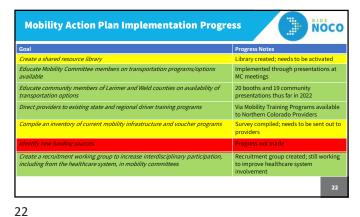
North Front Range Metropolitian Planning Organization

October 25, 2022

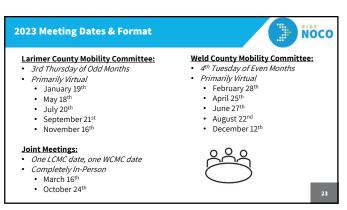
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New Transportation Services Coming to Northern Colorado: Bustang Outrider & Expanded North Line

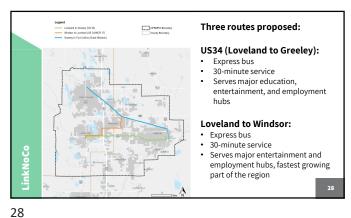
Sterling-Greeley-Denver route launches 11/1

As of 9/6, Bustang is now running 8 daily weekday roundtrips between Downtown Fort Collins Transit Center and Denver Union Station with stops at:

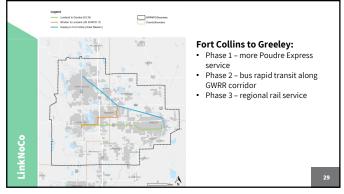
Harmony Road Park-n-Ride

US34 Park-n-Ride in Loveland

Weekend frequency to increase in 2023



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Next steps:

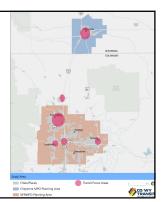
US34 Service Development plan

US34 Transportation Management Organization (TMO)

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- Partnership of CDOT, WYDOT, and the Cheyenne MPO
- Determine transit possibilities between Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming
- To be completed by December 2022
 - Select a preferred alignment Prepare service plan and costs

 - Present findings to stakeholders and public



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If there was a high-quality, reliable public transit service connecting Cheyenne with the North Front Range, would you use it? Initial Online Open House Results: 1,119 Meeting Visitors 322 Survey Responses 288 Open-Ended Responses Top Preferred Alignments: • 5: Cheyenne to Fort Collins and Loveland Loop (26%) 1: Cheyenne to Fort Collins 2: Cheyenne to Fort Collins & Loveland (21%)



TDM Action Plan and TMO NOCO Next Steps • Transportation Management Organization (TMO) US34 Coalition - Estes Park to Kersey Focus on advocacy, investment, communication and outreach to stakeholders on corridor Safe Routes to School Group beginning to meet in November to discuss next steps and proposal

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Presentation & Discussion

About the Project

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About the Project

- Improve mobility for seniors, people with disabilities, low-income individuals & youth.
- Organizations involved **coordinate** and **provide** transportation services.
- Federal transit law requirement for Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program) project funding.
- Projects 'must be included in a locally developed coordinated plan."
- This is the first such plan of its kind for Boulder County.





Shortcut to video link https://boco.org/MAAAAVideo

Overarching Goals & Objectives



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Accessibility

Reliability

- Supporting alternatives to car ownership
- Expanding information and experience using multimodal transportation options
- Equity
- Determining which places/locations are sufficiently serviced relative to special needs
- Listening to marginalized populations and responding directly to needs
- Recognizing and supporting personnel who keep the transportation system running
- Helping **increase** regular program and service

Overarching Goals & Objectives



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Efficiency

- Reducing strain on existing resources
- Evaluating program and service **effectiveness**
- Sustainability
- Investing in Boulder County's future social and financial growth
- Continuing drive for greater fuel efficiency, fewer climate impacts, & improved air quality
- Safety
- Embracing a philosophy of universal access
- Helping people feel more **comfortable** with multiple transportation options



The Process Draft Plan Public Comment Period: • Feb. 18 - Mar. 25, 2022 o Meetings: MAC, TAC o Newsletters, Social Media, Partners • Received Over 110 Plan Comments Feedback Integration by Consultant • Public Comments for Public Hearing Plan Adopted by BOCC, July 28

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Plan Review

Key Findings

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- Transportation is a crucial issue which intersects with climate policy, social equity, affordability, and public health.
- Unmet travel needs go beyond County borders in all directions.
- Not enough supply to meet demand, in both housing and transportation services.



Demographic Analysis

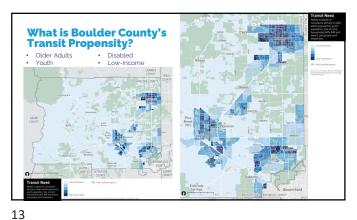
Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates (2015-2019, 2011-2015, and 2006-2010)

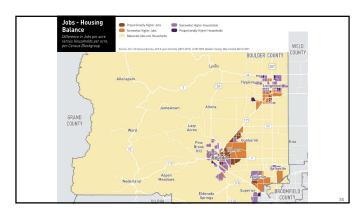
Key Demographics for Colorado, Boulder County, & Neighboring Counties

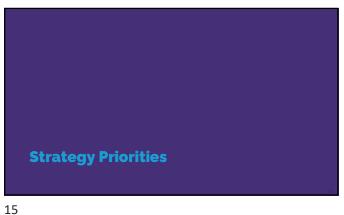
	Total Population	Percent of Older Adults (aged 65 and older)	Percent of Population with a Disability	Percent of Population with Income below 150% of federal poverty level	Percent of Youth (aged 18 and younger)	Percent of Households with Youth
State of Colorado	5,610,349	13.8%	10.6%	16.9%	22.5%	30.6%
Boulder County	322,510	13.7%	8.1%	16.4%	19.4%	27.1%
Weld County	305,345	11.9%	10.3%	17.5%	26.3%	38.8%
Broomfield County	67,886	13.3%	8.1%	8.5%	23.2%	32.2%
Gilpin County	6,018	17.9%	9.6%	10.1%	13.6%	15.0%
Grand County	15,303	16.7%	5.0%	17.9%	17.4%	18.6%
Jefferson County	574,798	16.0%	10.0%	11.7%	20.0%	27.7%
Larimer County	344,786	15.1%	9.7%	17.3%	19.8%	26.5%

Demographic Analysis Boulder County Race Figures Total Population 322,510 310,032 290,177 Black or African American 2,944 0.9 2,803 0.9 2,321 0.8 American Indian and Alaska Native 1,416 1,695 1,116 0.4 15,281 13,374 4.1 Asian 4.7 4.3 11,856 Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander 203 214 Some other race 5,934 8,812 14,922 5.1 1.8 2.8 Two or more races 9,782 9 059 2.9 6.826 2.4 44,740 12.9 Hispanic or Latino (of any race) Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates (2015-2019, 2011-2015, and 2006-2010)

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About the Strategies

In Plan: Prioritized Strategies are organized by the **need** they are meeting

Presentation: Priority Strategies by program, county, partners

- Community Plan with responsibility meant to be shared among partners
- Strategies were organized into two timeframes based on priority votes from the Advisory Committee and feedback from the public meetings:
 - $_{\circ}\,$ In Progress Low-Hanging Fruit
 - $_{\odot}\,$ TIER I Implementation in next 2 years
 - $_{\odot}\,$ TIER II Implementation in 3 to 5 years
- We acknowledge that the ongoing shortage of drivers may affect the timeline of strategies
- There are also policies addressing ongoing needs with a ${\bf long\text{-}term}$ timeframe



Data Strategies



TIER I

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- Boulder County Transit Plan (\$100k for Phase I in 2022)
- Vision Zero Safe Routes to School Action Plan

TIER II

- Formalize data analysis, collection, and reporting
- Study cost-effectiveness subsidizing taxis and ridehailing

Access Strategy



TIER I

- · Paved access routes and upgrades to bus stops
- Year-round maintenance of access routes and bus stops

Cost Strategies



TIER I

• Expand affordable and/or free transit fare programs

TIER II

• Cover/reimburse bus pass requests made by community liaisons

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Resource Strategies



TIED I

- Support driver training & retention
- · Grant writing assistance
- · Youth representation on Mobility & Access Coalition
- Safe Routes Regional Hub

TIER II

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- Expand pot of competitive funding community transportation projects
- Volunteer travel ambassador program

Service Gap Strategies



TIFD I

- Boulder County RTD Access-a-Ride Certification Center
- · Support volunteer driver programs
- Collaborate with transit and TMO/TMAs to survey major employers
- Include coordination clauses as part of grants awarded to transportation providers

TIER II

- $\bullet\,$ Pilot a hybrid connector service in areas underserved by fixed-route transit
- Encourage nonprofit transportation providers to share fleets coordinate on maintenance
- \bullet Explore Via or others with fleets ability to provide school choice transportation
- Transportation for veterans under 60 to VA sites in Cheyenne, WY and Aurora, CO

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Awareness Strategies

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TIER I

- Expand travel training to special needs populations
- Advertise transportation options and programs at human services and community locations
- Encourage more coordination of funding streams and raise awareness of available THER II
- Promotion/expansion of vocational training in transportation trades (CDLs, bicycle repair, etc.)
- SHIFT Driver (formerly known as Bicycle Friendly Driver) training funding support

Ongoing Policies



LONG-TERM

- Thoughtful land use planning which promotes coordinated transportation
- Universal design in transit stations
- Adopting clear data sharing standards and expectations
- Be involved in local/regional advocacy groups and efforts that support new funding streams for transportation and mobility
- Continued equitable investments in communities, programs, & infrastructure

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Questions for Consideration 1 Which Strategies Seem Most Relevant to your Organization? What Opportunities are There to Integrate the Strategies into Ongoing Efforts?

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Next Steps Integration UZA Program of Projects DRCOG TIP Program Specific Work Plans MAC work plan and Charter DRCOG TIP Subregional/CDOT 5310 & Safe Routes/HST/Other Grants Jurisdiction "Speaking Tour" Present to local TABs, City Councils, School Districts, and interested partner agencies

