

#### NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL HYBRID MEETING AGENDA April 6, 2023

**In-Person Attendance Option Berthoud Town Hall** 807 Mountain Avenue Berthoud, CO 80513

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Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment- 2 Minutes Each (accepted on items not on the Agenda) Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to items on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the regular agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to all other items prior to Council action being taken.

- 1) Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO March 2, 2023 (Page 8)

## Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

## **REPORTS:**

	Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) (Handout) Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) (Handout)	(Written) (Written)	
5)	NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates (Handout)	<b>Medora Bornhoft —</b> Transportation & Air Quality Planner III	6:05
<u>M</u>	etropolitan Planning Organization Agenda		
	PORTS:  Report of the Chair	Scott James – Council Chair, Weld County Commissioner	6:10

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7)	Executive Director Report			

Suzette Mallette - Executive Director 6:15 • Virtual NFRMPO 2050 RTP Meetings • Legislative Update

8) Colorado Legislature Update **State Representative Andrew Boesenecker** 6:20

9) TAC (Page 12) (Written) **10) Mobility** (Handout) (Written) 11) VanGo<sup>TM</sup> Dashboard (Page 14) (Written)

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

12)	2050 RTP Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets (GOPMT) (Page 16)	Jerome Rouser - Transportation Planner I	6:40
13)	March 2023 TIP Amendment Resolution 2023-07 (Page 28)	AnnaRose Cunningham - Transportation Planner II	6:45



## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

14) 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Access Control Implementation Project Funding Exchange (Page 37)	AnnaRose Cunningham Paul Trombino III- Public Works Director	6:50
15) 2023 Call for Projects Preview (Page 54)	AnnaRose Cunningham	7:10
16) Equity Resources (Page 61)	AnnaRose Cunningham	7:15
17) NFRMPO 10-Year List of Projects (Page 62)	Becky Karasko - Transportation Planning Director	7:35
18) FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Page 64)	Becky Karasko	7:55
COUNCIL REPORTS:		8:00
Transportation Commission	Kathleen Bracke - Transportation Commissioner	
CDOT R4 Update	Heather Paddock - CDOT R4 Transportation Director	
STAC Report (Page 65)	(Written)	
Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)	Cecil Gutierrez – CTIO	
I-25 Coalition	Scott James	
Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)	Kristin Stephens – Larimer County Commissioner	
Front Range Passenger Rail District	Will Karspeck — Past Chair, Mayor Town of Berthoud  Johnny Olson — City of Greeley Councilmember	
Host Council Member Report	Will Karspeck	8:10
MEETING WRAP UP:		

8:15



## **MPO Planning Council**

#### Weld County

Scott James, Commissioner - Chair

Alternate- Perry Buck, Commissioner

City of Loveland

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CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division

Jessica Ferko, Manager, Planning & Policy Program

Colorado Transportation Commission

Kathleen Bracke, Commissioner

Alternate- Heather Paddock, Region 4 Director



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- 2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not specifically on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
- 3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the MPO Chair, come and stand before the Council and state their name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
- 4. For each Action item on the agenda, the order of business is as follows:
  - MPO Chair introduces the item; asks if formal presentation will be made by staff
  - > Staff presentation (optional)
  - MPO Chair requests citizen comment on the item (two minute limit for each citizen
  - > Planning Council questions of staff on the item
  - Planning Council motion on the item
  - > Planning Council discussion
  - > Final Planning Council comments
  - > Planning Council vote on the item
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- 7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

## **GLOSSARY**

FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States
FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000)
FTA program funding for capital investments
FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities
FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)
FTA program funding to define "state of good repair" and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets
FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair
FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities
Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative
CDOT's Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds
American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials
Access Control Plan
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)
Agenda Item Summary
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)
Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)
Active Transportation Plan
Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (the competitive federal grant program that replaced TIGER)
Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)
Colorado Bridge Enterprise funds
Colorado Department of Transportation
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (an FHWA funding program)
Congestion Management Process
Compressed Natural Gas
Carbon Monoxide
City of Loveland Transit
Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA PL & FTA 5303 planning funds)
Calendar Fiscal Year
(United States) Department of Transportation
Denver Regional Council of Governments
CDOT Division of Transportation Development
CDOT Division of Transportation Development
Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Justice

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

FAST ACT	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (federal legislation, signed December 2015
FASTER	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108)
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FNC	Freight Northern Colorado Plan
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year (October to September for federal funds; July to June for state funds; January to December for local funds)
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
GET	Greeley-Evans Transit
GOPMT	Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HPTE	High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (Colorado)
HTF	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface
	transportation)
HUTF	Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)
INFRA	Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (a competitive federal grant program for freight improvements)
I&M or I/M	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LCMC	Larimer County Mobility Committee
LRP or LRTP	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)
MAPG	Mobility and Access Priority Group, formerly known as the Senior Transportation Coalition (STC)
MMOF	Multimodal Options Fund (state funds allocated to MPOs and TPRs in SB18-001)
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MVEB	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget
NAA	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFRT & AQPC	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)
NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)
NHS	National Highway System
NMP	Non-Motorized Plan
NoCo	Northern Colorado Bicycle and Pedestrian Collaborative
NOX	Nitrogen Oxides
OBD	On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)
O <sub>3</sub>	Ozone

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

PL	Federal Planning (funds)
PIP	Public Involvement Plan
POP	Program of Projects
PPP (also P3)	Public Private Partnership
R4 or R-4	Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation
RAQC	Regional Air Quality Council
RNMC	Regional Non-Motorized Corridor
RPP	Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Colorado Transportation Commission)
RSC	Regionally Significant Corridor
RTC	Regional Transit Corridor
RTD	Regional Transportation District in the Denver Region or Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Regions
RTE	Regional Transit Element
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
SH	State Highway
SIP	State Implementation Plan (air quality)
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
SPR	State Planning and Research (federal funds)
SRTS (see TA)	Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
STAC	Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STBG (previously STP-Metro)	Surface Transportation Block Grant (a FAST Act FHWA funding program)
SWC&FRPRC	Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)
TA (previously TAP)	Transportation Alternatives program (an FHWA funding program)
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting)
TC	Transportation Commission of Colorado
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TIGER	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (a competitive federal grant program from 2009-2017 replaced by BUILD)
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
Title VI	U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance
TMA	Transportation Management Area (federally-designated place >200,000 population)
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TPR	Transportation Planning Region (state-designated)
TRAC	Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT)
UFR	Upper Front Range TPR
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WCMC	Weld County Mobility Committee

# Meeting Minutes of the NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL

## March 2, 2023 Hybrid Meeting in Fort Collins, CO

**Voting Members Absent:** 

Scott James – Chair	-Weld County	Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Frank Baszler	-Severance	Tricia Canonico	-Fort Collins
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission	Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Mark Clark	-Evans	Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Dan Dean	-Milliken	Jon Mallo – Vice Chair	-Loveland
Jessica Ferko	-APCD	Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor
Liz Heid	-Eaton		
Will Karspeck – Past Chair	-Berthoud		

Kristin Stephens -Larimer County

-Johnstown

-Greeley

**Voting Members Present:** 

#### MPO Staff:

Troy Mellon

Johnny Olson

**Suzette Mallette**, Executive Director; **Becky Karasko**, Transportation Planning Director; **Cory Schmitt**, Mobility Director; **Rachel Stillwell**, Accountant; **Alex Gordon**, Transportation Planner III; **Medora Bornhoft**, Transportation and Air Quality Planner III; **AnnaRose Cunningham**, Transportation Planner II; **Jerome Rouser**, Transportation Planner I.

**In Attendance:** Ian Chase, Rich Christy, Michelle Edgerley, Jim Eussen, Jamie Grim, Katie Guthrie, Nicole Hahn, Omar Herrera, Myron Hora, Dana Hornkohl, Mark Jackson, Will Jones, Andy Karsian, Katrina Kloberdanz, Pepper McClenahan, Deanna McIntosh, Tom Moore, Mark Peterson, Elizabeth Relford, Kevin Ross, Jan Rowe, John Seyer, Robin Stoneman, Josie Thomas, Eric Tracy, and Paul Trombino,

Chair James called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

#### **Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

Olson moved to APPROVE THE MARCH 2, 2023, MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. The motion was seconded by Baszler and passed unanimously.

Olson moved to *APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED*. The motion was seconded by Karspeck and passed unanimously.

#### **Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda**

Chair James opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

<u>Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)</u>

A written report was provided.

#### Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

#### NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

A written report was provided.

#### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair James opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### Report of the Chair

Introduced Trustee Dan Dean, the new Councilmember for Milliken.

#### **Executive Director Report**

Mallette reviewed Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study being conducted by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) which the NFRMPO was invited to participate in and stated the Council can submit comments about the Study online until March 17.

Mallette outlined the Legislative Updates highlighting legislation which has changed since the February Council meeting. Mallette reviewed the amendment to HB23-1101: Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility, SB23-016: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Measures, and SB23-059: Retail Delivery Fees. Council discussed the SB23-059 which will reduce retail delivery fees which fund the State enterprises and the Multimodal Transportation & Mitigations Options Fund (MMOF). Stephens noted the NAAPME had adopted a budget which will have to be amended due to the decreased revenue.

#### TAC

A written report was provided.

#### <u>Finance</u>

A written report was provided.

#### Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A written report was provided.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

<u>CO-WY Transit Feasibility Study</u> – Ian Chase, Transportation Planner, HDR reviewed the Colorado-Wyoming Transit Feasibility Study which was conducted in 2022 on behalf of the Cheyenne MPO, WYDOT, and CDOT. Chase outlined the transit market analysis including an analysis of transit propensity within the region which led to the development of focus areas within the region: Fort Collins, Loveland/Centerra, Greeley, and Wellington.

Chase reviewed the alignment options considered during the Study and the alternatives screening process which included connectivity, feasibility, stakeholder/community support, equity, and environmental health. Chase reviewed the community and stakeholder engagement which included online open houses and surveys which were promoted through partnerships including the NFRMPO. Of the six alignment options, the Cheyenne to Fort Collins option rose to the top.

Olson requested more details on the equity and environmental health criteria and why the hospitals in Greeley did not result in the alignments serving those destinations rising to the top. Chase stated the Equity score took into consideration the high propensity users and Disproportionately Impacted (DI) Communities and the hospital locations in Greeley may not have risen to the top due to final destinations not being within a walkable distance of the identified station locations. James asked if the demographic subset of DI communities overlaps with high transit propensity noting if they do not overlap, the service may or may not be beneficial to serving DI communities.

Mellon asked if the VA hospital and the Air Force Base were included in the public input process, Chase stated they were part of the stakeholder engagement. Council expressed concern about methodology noting a high amount of commuter trips between the Greeley/Evans area and Cheyenne. Mellon asked what stop locations were identified in Cheyenne. Chase noted at this time the recommendation is Downtown Cheyenne with additional future possible stops within other areas of Cheyenne.

Olson asked if the study included projected ridership, Chase stated ridership was outside the scope of the current study, but the hope would be for at least a couple hundred riders per day. Chase stated next steps include identifying a project champion and potential funding sources.

#### Front Range Passenger Rail:

<u>Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) District</u> Andy Karsian, General Manager, FRPR District, outlined the Goals and Vision of the District and the Service Development Plan (SDP) process. Karsian reviewed the Corridor Identification Program which opens up opportunities for the District to pursue Federal funding. Karsian stated the district is partnering with Amtrak, Wyoming, and New Mexico to create an integrated system as the project moves forward. Mellon asked if Amtrak is allowed to use short line rail within the NFRMPO, Karsian stated he assumes the answer is yes but a lot of public outreach would need to be conducted.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Unaudited Financials – Stephens **moved** to approve *the consent agenda* The motion was **seconded** by Karspeck and **passed** unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

NFRMPO 10-Year List 2050 RTP Update – Karasko reviewed the process the NFRMPO Planning Council went through in 2020 to select priority corridors and projects for the NFRMPO 10-Year list, which was then incorporated into the CDOT 10-Year Pipeline of Projects. The NFRMPO list was updated in 2021 and 2022 with projects funded through other means and removed from the list. Karasko requested Council input on the corridors and projects on the 10-Year list and asked if they were still the Council priorities. Council agreed the corridors are still the top priorities. Karasko asked if the projects on the Tier 1 list were still the priorities. Stephens expressed concern for not having input from Council members absent from the meeting, James requested the lists be sent to the full Council to be reviewed prior to the next Council meeting. The Council requested further discussion with the TAC to solidify the list of projects.

<u>2050 RTP Goals, Objectives, Performance measures, and Targets (GOPMT)</u> – Rouser presented the updated vision statement and goals for the 2050 RTP and explained how the GOPMT framework is integrated into the NFRMPO planning process. Rouser explained how the federally required and regionally selected performance measures are the way in which the NFRMPO can track progress towards meeting the selected goals. Rouser outlined the eight regionally selected performance measures, six of which were carried over from the 2045 RTP and two new measures.

Olson asked if the four goals were prioritized, Rouser stated they were not. Stephens asked if there should be a Regional GHG performance measure. Cunningham stated there will be a Federal performance measure which is currently going through the rulemaking process. Upon finalization of the Federal performance measure the NFRMPO will incorporate it into the GOPMT.

Olson asked why safety wasn't included in the regional performance measures. Rouser stated the regional performance measures supplement the Federal performance measures which include safety. The Council asked what the increase in non-motorized facility miles was based on. Stephens asked if there was a national best practice for increasing facility miles. Mallette clarified the Council would like to see a justification for the increase in non-motorized facility miles.

Olson asked what the goal of the TIP Delay Extension measure is. Cunningham clarified the measure is intended to help track obligation of NFRMPO awarded funds to ensure funds are being utilized in a timely manner.

Rouser noted the GOPMT will be incorporated into the System Performance Report within the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

<u>Transportation Commission</u> – Bracke stated she will check in the with Councils concerns about the amendments to SB23-1101.

<u>CDOT R4 Update</u> – Paddock stated CDOT contributed to the NFRMPO's Tier 1 list including prioritizations and recommendations to add SH392. CDOT's priority projects have been incorporated in the CDOT 10-Year Plan and CDOT will be conducting 4P meetings to understand needs and concerns across the State. Paddock outlined construction updates for I-25 and stated the mobility hub at Kendall Parkway is scheduled to go live in March 2024. Karspeck asked when buses will start at the mobility hubs, Paddock stated Bustang service should start for all three mobility hubs (Kendall Parkway, Berthoud, and CO119) once the construction is complete. CDOT has been conducting interviews and will choose a consultant within the next week for I-25 Segment 5.

STAC Report - A written report was provided.

<u>Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)</u> – A written report was provided.

<u>I-25 Coalition</u> – James stated three representatives from the Senate and the House were in attendance at the meeting. CDOT provided an update that executive leadership had given approval to pursue a MEGA grant for I-25.

<u>US34 Coalition</u> – Stephens stated an update was given at the US34 Coalition that the NFRMPO was awarded the CDOT Seed Grant money for the establishment of a TMO in the amount of \$100K. The NFRMPO presented on the 2050 RTP and Olson provided an update on the Merge project.

<u>Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)</u> – Stephens provided an update on the fee levels which are being increased under statue of the consumer price index (CPI) for both ride share and retail delivery fees. Stephens noted the adopted budget will need to be updated based on the changes to legislation.

<u>Front Range Passenger Rail District</u> – Karspeck noted the Front Range Passenger Rail District hired a new program coordinator.

<u>Host Council Member Report</u> – Stephens stated the MMOF funded sidewalk project along US287 and 57<sup>th</sup> St is in final stage of right of way and easement acquisition. The HSIP signalization project at US 34 and Glade road is starting design, the Shields St widening project construction will begin next spring, Taft Hill from Horsetooth to Harmony in partnership with the City of Fort Collins is under design but further funding opportunities are being pursued, Poudre River Trail construction will begin later in the summer, and the County was awarded SS4A funding for safety action plan which will allow the county to apply for future implementation funding.

#### **MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

Mallette noted State Representative Andrew Boesnecker will be in attendance to provide a legislative update.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

Note: There were technical difficulties during the meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

## North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council March 15, 2023

#### **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 TAC MINUTES**

Hornkohl moved to approve the February 15, 2023 TAC minutes. Barzak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Moore noted the RAQC is halfway through the emission inventory improvement process for oil and gas and is continuing to hold control strategy committee meetings. Bornhoft stated the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report for the <u>2050 RTP</u> is in development, with Planning Council adoption expected in July.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**March 2023 TIP Amendment** – Cunningham described the March 2023 TIP Amendment, which includes four revision requests from CDOT and the City of Fort Collins. Hornkohl recommended Planning Council approve the March 2023 TIP Amendment. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**2050 RTP Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets (GOPMT)** – Rouser outlined the NFRMPO's proposed GOPMT for the <u>2050 RTP</u> and updates to Regional Targets based on Planning Council feedback at their March meeting. Rouser noted the changes to non-motorized facilities, fixed-route transit service per capita, and non-single occupant vehicle (SOV) commute trips. Hahn recommended Planning Council approve the <u>2050 RTP</u> GOPMT. Relford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Willow Bend Trail Scope Change** – Bryan Harding, Loveland, explained the background of the *Willow Bend* project, including the five grants being used to complete the project. The City's request is to isolate the funding received through previous NFRMPO Calls for Projects to a one-mile section of the project to simplify the funding process. Harding stressed the project will still be completed in full. TAC agreed this qualifies as a minor scope change and does not require Planning Council approval.

**10**<sup>th</sup> **Street Access Control Implementation Project Funding Exchange** – Karnik outlined the history of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Access Control Implementation Project and noted the project was completed, but the awarded funding could not be used due to the contractor not being able to provide the required Buy America documentation. The City of Greeley is requesting the STBG funds be reallocated to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvement Project. TAC agreed this qualifies as a major scope change and will require Planning Council approval.

**2023 Call for Projects Overview** – Cunningham noted the next Call for Projects will likely open August 4<sup>th</sup> with applications due October 6<sup>th</sup>. Cunningham outlined the five funding programs included in this call and the projected dollar amounts. TAC recommended retaining program-specific maximum project award limits instead of creating additional limits. TAC provided feedback on Staff's recommended changes to the scoring committee and equity considerations.

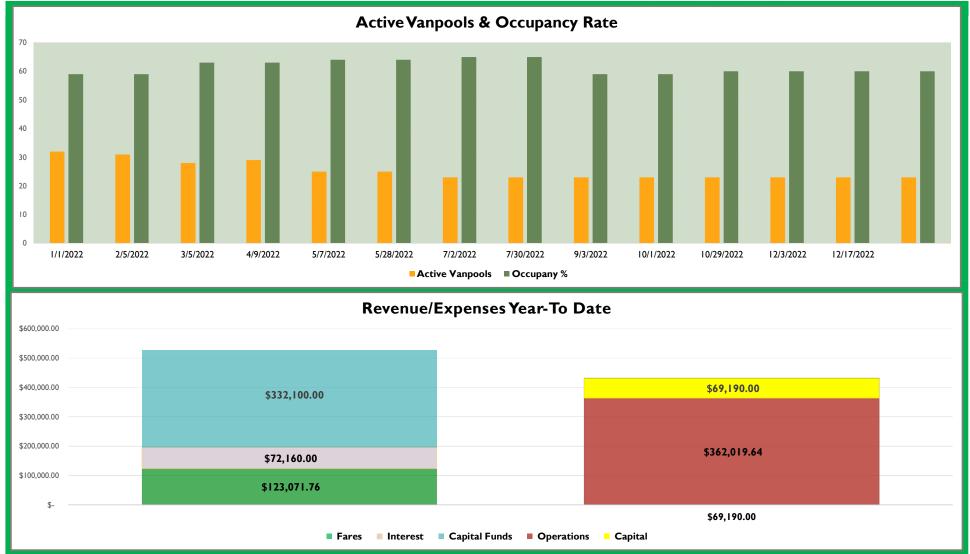
**FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Tasks** – Karasko discussed the two new tasks for the FY2024-FY2025 UPWP, which are Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School. Karasko noted the LinkNoCo and Safety tasks have been expanded. Karasko requested TAC review the FY2024-FY2025 UPWP and provide comments.

**NFRMPO 10 Year List of Projects Discussion** – Karasko noted the NFRMPO is in the process of updating the 10-Year List of Projects that will be included in CDOT's 10-Year List. Karasko provided an overview of how Planning Council developed the 10-Year Project List in 2019. TAC requested to have a workshop to further discuss this prior to the April Planning Council meeting.

## VanGo Vanpool Program 4th Quarter Stats Year-to-Date





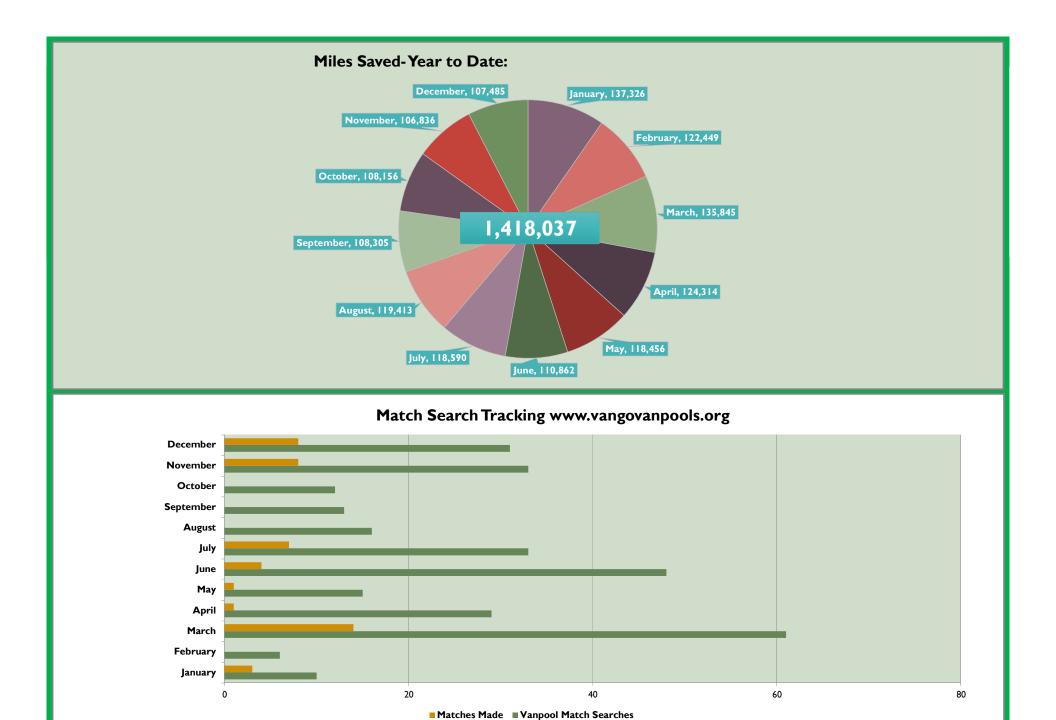


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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Jerome Rouser

Date: April 6, 2023

Re: 2050 RTP Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets

### **Background**

Starting with the <u>2040 RTP</u>, the NFRMPO has adopted goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets (GOPMT) to guide investments in the regional transportation system. The GOPMT framework is intended to ensure the NFRMPO plans and programs projects meet national and regional goals. The GOPMT guides regional transportation planning policy, specifically programming of projects, planning efforts, and overall coordination. NFRMPO staff worked with TAC members in 2018 to update objectives and to draft new Regional Performance Measures for the <u>2045 RTP</u>, and repeated the discussions in spring 2022 for the <u>2050 RTP</u>. The Regional Performance Measures are designed to reflect regional priorities not covered by the Federal Performance Measures. The Regional Performance Measures are <u>not</u> required by Federal Law and will be adopted in addition to the Federal Performance Measures.

The proposed GOPMT and Vision Statement were developed based on the <u>2045 RTP</u> GOPMT framework and feedback from TAC and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The proposed <u>2050 RTP</u> GOPMT are attached.

#### **Action**

Staff requests Planning Council adopt the <u>2050 RTP</u> Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures and Targets (GOPMT).



#### **2050 RTP Proposed Goals and Objectives**

**Goal:** Regional Health

**Objective:** Improve economic development, resident's quality of life, and air quality

**Goal:** Mobility

**Objective:** Moves people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system

Goal: Multi-Modal

**Objective:** Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation

**Goal:** Operations

**Objective:** Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities

#### **2050 RTP** Proposed Vision Statement

Ensure the multimodal transportation system in Northern Colorado is safe, socially, and environmentally sensitive, and strengthens the region's quality of life and economic vitality.

#### **2050 RTP** Proposed Regional Performance Measures and Proposed Targets

Highlighted text are changes from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Council meeting discussion.

- Population within Paratransit and Demand Response Service Area within the NFRMPO Boundary:
   At Least 75%
- Fixed-route Revenue Hours per Capita within Service Areas: Increase by 30%
- Non-Motorized Facility Miles: **7.62 miles per 1,000 people**
- Percent of Non-Single Occupant Vehicle Commuter Trips: At least 40%
- Daily VMT per Capita: **Daily VMT per Capita ≤ 24**
- Projects Requiring more than One Extension: >22%
- Travel Time Index on RSCs: 90% of RSCs have a TTI ≤ 1.5
- Percent of devices connected by Fiber on RSCs: At least 87%



#### What is GOPMT?



- Goals Goals address the key desired outcomes for the region and are the first step in supporting the Vision Statement
- Objectives Objectives are needed to support and accomplish the established goals
- Performance Measures An expression used to establish targets and assess progress towards achievements of goals and objectives
- Targets A quantifiable value to be achieved

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### **Vision Statement**



2050 RTP - Ensure the multimodal transportation system in Northern Colorado is safe, socially and environmentally sensitive, and strengthens the region's quality of life and economic vitality.

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## 2050 RTP Goals and Objectives



#### **Regional Health**

Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality







#### **Mobility**

Moves people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system







#### Multi-Modal

Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation







#### **Operations**

Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities







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## **Goals & Performance Measures**

























## **Regional Health**

Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality

## **Mobility**

Move people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system

## **Multimodal**

Improve accessibility of and Optimize operations, planning, access to transit and alternative and funding of transportation modes of transportation

facilities

**Operations** 

#### **Performance Measures**

#### **System Performance**

- **CMAQ Emissions** Reductions
- Non-SOV Travel
- PHED
- \*GHG Emissions Measure

#### **Regional PM**

- Percent of Non-SOV Commuter Trips
- Daily VMT per Capita

#### Safety **Infrastructure Condition System Performance**

- PHFD
- Truck Travel Time Reliability

#### **Transit Safety Regional PM**

Travel Time Index on RSCs

#### **Regional PM**

- Population served by
- Fixed-route Revenue Hours per Capita within Service Areas
- Non-Motorized Facility
- Daily VMT per Capita

#### TAM

#### **System Performance**

- Travel Time Reliability
- PHED

#### **Regional PM**

- Project Delivery
- **Devices Connected by**
- Travel Time Index on RSCs

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## **Regional Health**





Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality

#### **System Performance**

- **CMAQ Emissions** Reductions
- Non-SOV Travel
- PHED
- \*GHG Emissions Measure

#### Regional PM

- Percent of Non-SOV Commuter Trips
- Daily VMT per Capita

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## **Mobility**

Move people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system

#### Safety Infrastructure Condition System Performance

- PHED
- Truck Travel Time Reliability

#### Transit Safety Regional PM

· Travel Time Index on RSCs

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## Multimodal

Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation

#### **Regional PM**

- Population served by paratransit
- Fixed-route Revenue Hours per Capita within Service Areas
- Non-Motorized Facility Miles
- · Daily VMT per Capita

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## **Operations**









### **Operations**

Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities

#### TAM

#### **System Performance**

- Travel Time Reliability
- PHED

#### **Regional PM**

- Project Delivery
- Devices Connected by Fiber
- · Travel Time Index on RSCs

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## **Regional Performance Measures**



- The NFRMPO adopted the 2045 RTP Regional Performance Measures in 2018
- The Regional Performance Measures (RPM) are designed to reflect regional priorities not covered by the Federal Performance Measures
- These measures are **NOT** required by Federal law

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2050 RTP GOPMT



# Population within Paratransit and Demand Response Service Area within the NFRMPO Boundary



• 2045 RTP Target: At Least 75%

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 63%

Current Status: 68.7%

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: At least 75%

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2050 RTP GOPMT





## **Fixed-route Revenue Hours per Capita within Service Areas**



• 2045 RTP Target: Increase by 10%

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 0.65

Current Status: 0.45

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: Increase by 30%

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## **Non-Motorized Facility Miles**



• 2045 RTP Target: Increase by 50%

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 3,352 miles

• Current Status: 4,586 miles

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: 7.62 miles per 1,000 people

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## **Percent of Non-SOV Commuter Trips**



• 2045 RTP Target: At Least 25%

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 23%

Current Status: 26.8%

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: At Least 40%

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## **Daily VMT Per Capita**



• 2045 RTP Target: ≤24

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 24

Current Status: 24

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: ≤24

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## **Projects Requiring more than One Extension**



• 2045 RTP Target: N/A

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 11%

Current Status: 20%

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: ≤22%

The Baseline year for this measure is 2019

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## **Travel Time Index on RSCs**



2045 RTP Target: 90% of RSCs have a TTI ≤ 1.5

2050 RTP Baseline: 90% of RSCs have a TTI ≤ 1.5

Current Status: 94.9%

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: 90% of RSCs have a TTI ≤1.5

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## **Percent of Devices Connected by Fiber on RSCs**



• 2045 RTP Target: N/A

• 2050 RTP Baseline: 87%

• Current Status: 87%

• 2050 RTP Recommended Target: ≥87%

The baseline year for this measure is 2023

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## **Questions?**



### **Jerome Rouser**

Transportation Planner I <u>jrouser@nfrmpo.org</u> (970) 422-1096

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## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)**





Meeting Date	Submitted By			
April 6, 2023 Berthoud	AnnaRose Cunningham			
Objective/Request Act				
To approve the March 2 to the FY2023-FY2026 T	<ul><li>□ Report</li><li>□ Work Session</li><li>□ Discussion</li><li>✓ Action</li></ul>			
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#### **Key Points**

The March 2023 TIP Amendment includes four revision requests from CDOT and the City of Fort Collins:

- Revising CDOT Region 4's new *I-25: Segment 5 (CO56 to CO66)* by adding \$12,200K Federal/State LEG-UFR funding in FY24 and FY25, and \$11,800K in Future Funding, and \$61,950K in LEG Future Funding.
- Adding CDOT Region 4's new project *I-25 and CO14 Interchange Improvements* with \$500K
   Federal/State LEG funding in FY24 and \$27,000K in Future Funding, \$1,000K BFP Federal funding, and \$2,000K State 7PX funding in FY23.
- Adding CDOT Region 4's new project *US85 and US34 Interchange* with \$6,000K Federal/State LEG-UFR funding in FY24.
- Adding Fort Collins' new project *BRT State of Good Repair* project with \$614K Federal FTA §5337 and \$153K Local funding in FY23.

The attached March 2023 Policy Amendment Form provides additional information on these requests.

#### **Committee Discussion**

This is the first and only time Planning Council is scheduled to see the March 2023 TIP Amendment.

#### **Supporting Information**

The 30-day Public Comment period for the March 2023 TIP Amendment began on March 8, 2023 and concludes on April 6, 2023.

An environmental justice analysis is included for the two new location-specific projects.

#### **Funding Types and Uses**

**7PX** includes Senate Bill (SB) 228 and SB 267 funds. SB 228 provides transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF). SB 267 provides funding generated from lease-purchase agreements to Tier 1 projects on the CDOT 10 year development plan.

**Bridge Formula Program (BFP)** Established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the BFP is to be used to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and construct highway bridges.

**FTA §5337** The State of Good Repair Grants Program (49 U.S.C. 5337) provides capital assistance for maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation projects of high-intensity fixed guideway and bus systems to help transit agencies maintain assets in a state of good repair.

**Legislative (LEG)** – Legislative funding is any funding source authorized by State of Federal Legislature. Legislative funding includes but is not limited to SB21-260 State funding and federal funding authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA).

**Legislative (LEG-UFR)** – LEG-UFR funding is any funding source authorized by the State or Federal Legislature to the Upper Front Range (UFR) Transportation Planning Region. LEG-UFR funds are listed in the NFRMPO TIP for projects within the physical boundaries of the NFRMPO.

#### **Advantages**

• Approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure the FY2023-2026 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

#### **Disadvantages**

• None noted.

#### **Analysis/Recommendation**

• TAC recommends adding the March 2023 TIP Amendment to the FY2023-2026 TIP.

#### **Attachments**

- March 2023 Policy Amendment Form
- Environmental Justice Analysis
- Resolution 2023-07

## NFRMPO FY 2023 - FY 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Policy Amendment #2023-A3

Submitted to: TAC and Planning Council Prepared by: AnnaRose Cunningham DATE: 3/8/2023

**Strategic** 

PREVIOUS ENTRY

Title:	I-25: Segment 5 (CO56 to CO66)	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	CDOT Region 4	Federal/State	LEG	-	-	-	19,000	45,050	-	64,050	-
STIP ID:	SSP4428.017		Total	-	-	-	19,000	45,050	-	64,050	-
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**TIP ID**: 2023-019

Type: Modify & Reonstruct

Air Quality: Included in conformity analysis

Description: One new express lane in each direction from CO56 to CR38 (MPO boarder). Replacement/rehabilitation of key bridges, ITS, transit & safety components, multimodal

options, replacement of portions of existing facility and interchange improvements

**REVISED ENTRY** 

Title:	I-25: Segment 5 (CO56 to CO66)	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	CDOT Region 4	Federal/State	LEG	-	-	-	19,000	45,050	-	64,050	61,950
STIP ID:	SSP4428.017	Federal/State	LEG-UFR	-	-	-	3,000	9,200	-	12,200	11,800
TIP ID:	2023-019		Total	-	-	-	22,000	54,250	-	76,250	73,750

**Type:** Modify & Reonstruct

Air Quality: Included in conformity analysis

Description: One new express lane in each direction from CO56 to CR38 (MPO boarder). Replacement/rehabilitation of key bridges, ITS, transit & safety components, multimodal

options, replacement of portions of existing facility and interchange improvements

**Revision:** Adding \$12,200K (\$3,000K in FY24/\$9,200K in FY25) UFR-LEG funding and \$73,750K (\$61,950K LEG/\$11,800K LEG-UFR) in Future Funding.

**NEW ENTRY** 

Title:	I-25 and CO14 Interchange Improvements	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	CDOT Region 4	Federal/State	LEG	-	-	-	500	-	-	500	27,000
STIP ID:	SSP4428.016	Federal	BFP	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
TIP ID:	2023-020	State	7PX	-	-	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	-
Type:	Modify & Reonstruct		Total	-	-	3,000	500	-	-	3,500	27,000
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Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis

Description: Replacement of portions of existing facility, replacement of bridge, interchange improvements, ITS, ped/bike enhancements.

**Revision:** New project addition.

#### **NEW ENTRY**

Title:	US85 and US34 Interchange	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding		FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	CDOT Region 4	Federal/State	LEG-UFR	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
STIP ID:	Unassigned		Total	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-

**TIP ID:** 2024-011

Type: Modify & Reonstruct

Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis

**Description:** Signing, striping, and bridge improvements of US85 and US34.

Revision: New project addition.

## **TRANSIT**

**Federal** 

FTA 5337 - State of Good Repair Grants

#### **NEW ENTRY**

Title:	BRT State of Good Repair	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous	FY 23	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26	Future
				Funding	Rolled	F1 23	F1 24	F1 23		TOTAL	Funding
Sponsor:	Fort Collins	Federal	FTA 5337	-	-	614	-	-	-	614	-
STIP ID:	Unassigned	Local	L	-	-	153	-	-	-	153	
TIP ID:	2023-021		Total	-	-	767	-	-	-	767	-

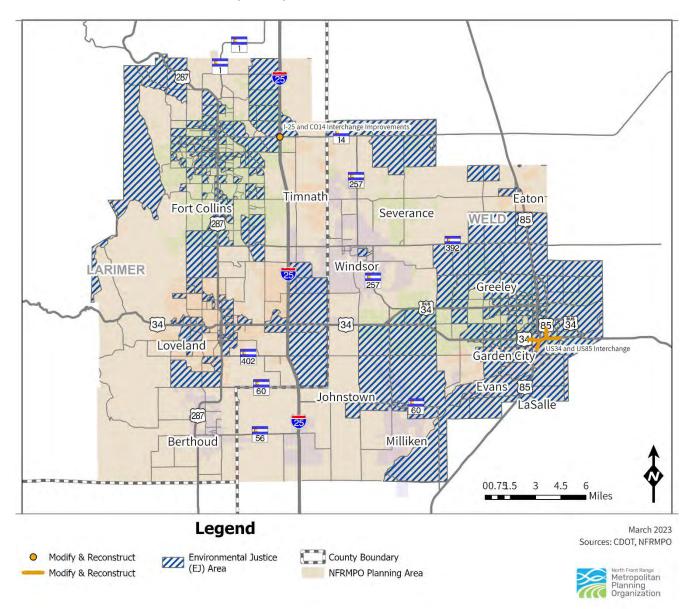
**Type:** Capital Improvements

Air Quality: Exempt from conformity analysis

Description: Replace, repair, and maintain rolling stock, facilities, technology, and equipment along the Mason Express (MAX) Bus Rapid Transit Guideway.

Revision: New project addition.

#### March 2023 TIP Amendment EJ Analysis Map



Criteria						
Project Information	I-25 and CO14 Interchange Improvements					
Project included in the FY 2022-2025 TIP	No					
EJ Project: Project located 1/4 mile from areas that are above county average for Hispanic, minority, and/or low income	Yes					
Project Sponsor	CDOT Region 4					
Project Type	Modify & F	Reconstruct				
Funding Source	Var	ious				
Call Awarded	N	/A				
Burdens	Short Term (Construction)	Long Term (Post Construction)				
Bodily impairment, infirmity, illness, or death	No	No				
Air, noise, and water pollution and soil contamination	Yes	Possible				
Destruction or disruption of man-made or natural resources, aesthetic values, or availability of public and private facilities and services	No	No				
Adverse impacts on community cohesion or economic vitality	No	No				
Noise and vibration	Yes	Possible				
Increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion, or separation	No	No				
Additional Anticipated Burdens	None Anticipated					
Benefits						
Decrease in travel time	Yes					
Improved air quality	No					
Expanded access to employment opportunities	No					
Improved access to transit options and alternative modes of transportation (walking and bicycling)	Yes					
Additional Anticipated Benefits	Improved floodplain safety					
Outreach						

CDOT will reach out early and often once a design consultant is selected. CDOT has not advertised the RFP to date, and it will be about a 4 month process after advertisement before the consultant will have Notice to Proceed.

Criteria						
Project Information	US34 and US85 Interchange					
Project included in the FY 2022-2025 TIP	No					
EJ Project: Project located 1/4 mile from areas that are above county average for Hispanic, minority, and/or low income	Yes					
Project Sponsor	CDOT R	Region 4				
Project Type	Modify & F	Modify & Reconstruct				
Funding Source	Var	ious				
Call Awarded	N	/A				
Burdens	Short Term (Construction)	Long Term (Post Construction)				
Bodily impairment, infirmity, illness, or death	No	No				
Air, noise, and water pollution and soil contamination	Yes	No				
Destruction or disruption of man-made or natural resources, aesthetic values, or availability of public and private facilities and services	No	No				
Adverse impacts on community cohesion or economic vitality	No	No				
Noise and vibration	Yes	No				
Increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion, or separation	No	No				
Additional Anticipated Burdens	None Anticipated					
Benefits						
Decrease in travel time	Yes					
Improved air quality	No					
Expanded access to employment opportunities	No					
Improved access to transit options and alternative modes of transportation (walking and bicycling)	No					
Additional Anticipated Benefits	Safety Improvements					

Outreach

Although CDOT has reached to the public and municipalities during the study for the ultimate configuration which included discussion of this project phase, CDOT does not anticipate the need for additional public meetings since all of the work of this project phase will be within the current ROW and should have very limited to no environmental impacts.



# RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE MARCH 2023 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR §450.326 requires the development of a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Metropolitan Planning Organizations through the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3C") multimodal transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency responsible for developing the TIP in accordance with the above stated regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation projects programmed in the current TIP for FY2023-2026 are consistent with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted September 5, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Air Quality Conformity Findings conducted on the FY2023-2026 TIP were positive and this TIP Amendment does not change the positive conformity findings on the FY2023-2026 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 2023 TIP Amendment increases the amount of emissions benefits and either improves or does not substantially reduce the cost effectiveness of those emissions benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY2023-2026 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby amends the FY2023-2026 TIP by revising the following funding and projects:

- Legislative (LEG) North Front Range and Upper Front Range (UFR) funding:
  - Revising CDOT Region 4's new I-25: Segment 5 (CO56 to CO66) by adding \$12,200K Federal/State LEG-UFR funding in FY24 and FY25, and \$11,800K in Future Funding, and \$61,950K in LEG Future Funding Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Local funding:
- LEG, Bridge Formula Program (BFP), and 7PX funding
  - Adding CDOT Region 4's new project *I-25 and CO14 Interchange Improvements* with \$500K
     Federal/State LEG funding in FY24 and \$27,000K in Future Funding, \$1,000K BFP Federal funding, and \$2,000K State 7PX funding in FY23
- LEG-UFR
  - o Adding CDOT Region 4's new project US85 and US34 Interchange with \$6,000K Federal/State LEG-UFR funding in FY24.
- FTA §5337
  - o Adding Fort Collins' new project *BRT State of Good Repair* project with \$614K Federal FTA \$5337 and \$153K Local funding in FY23.

### Resolution No. 2023-07

Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the Norheld this 6 <sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.	rth Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Counci
ATTEST:	Scott James, Chair
Suzette Mallette, Executive Director	

# **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)**

North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By			
April 6, 2023 Berthoud					
Objective/Request A	ction				
1	To discuss the City of Greeley transferring STBG funds from the 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Access Control Implementation project to 83 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvements				

### **Key Points**

The City of Greeley was awarded STBG funds for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Access Control Implementation project as part of the 2014 call for projects. The total amount of Federal dollars allocated to the project was \$2,010,958 per the FY2018-FY2021 TIP (STIP ID SNF5788.042 and TIP ID 2019-001). The construction of the project was completed in 2020. However, due to inability of contractor to supply required Buy America documentation, CDOT is requiring the City to reimburse the CDOT of the funding. This project will be completed using local funds. As a result, the City is requesting that the STBG funds be reallocated to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvements project included in the FY2023-FY2026 TIP (STIP ID SNF5788.054 and TIP ID 2023-006).

#### **Committee Discussion**

- TAC discussed the funding exchange at their meeting on March 15, 2023, and determined the request represented a major scope change which warrants discussion by the Planning Council.
- This is the first time Planning Council is scheduled to discuss the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Access Control Implementation Project Funding Exchange.

#### **Supporting Information**

- The 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvements project was awarded STBG funds and therefore
  meets the requirements of the program. Additionally, there is currently \$2,860K local
  overmatch programmed to the project. With that significant amount of overmatch, the
  \$2,010K STBG transfer requested would decrease the local overmatch to about \$431K. CDOT
  supports the transfer.
- The active TIP at the time of the 2014 Call for Projects only specified the additional award process for excess federal funds for the first two years of the TIP (FY2016-2017). Any additional funding to come into an NFRMPO funding pool would be awarded through would be awarded through the standard Call process.
- The NFRMPO currently has no waitlisted or partially funded STBG projects from any previous Call for Projects.

#### **Advantages**

The exchange of funding would essentially be the same as transferring the City's local overmatch from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue project to the 10<sup>th</sup> Street project thereby allowing both project scopes to be completed with the funding awarded.

#### **Disadvantages**

Following the normal NFRMPO process, if a project does not fully utilize federal funding, the excess funding is put back into the federal funding pool to be awarded through the NFRMPO process.

### **Analysis/Recommendation**

Staff is requesting Planning Council discuss and determine if the funding exchange may be completed as a Policy Amendment or if the City of Greeley must return the funding to the NFRMPO pool to be reawarded through the normal processes.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment 1: TIP Project Entries
- Attachment 2: Letter from CDOT, dated 10/28/2022
- Attachment 3: Email from CDOT to Greeley
- Attachment 4: 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvements Project Application
- Attachment 5: Greeley Funds Transfer Presentation

Rev. 11/28/2018

# **Attachment 1: TIP Project Entries**

FY 2019 - FY 2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRT & AQPC)

Current Amendment or Modification Prior Amendment or Modification All other Amendments and Modifications Individual Project CDOT Pool NFR Pool

Adopted by NFRT&AQ Planning Council on 6/7/2018 Amendment #2019-A11 12/13/2019

#### **Dollars Listed in Thousands**

STIP ID Number	NFR TIP Number	Project Title/Location	Project Sponsor	Improvement Type	Source of Funds	Funding Type/ Program	Previous Funding	FY19 Rolled Funding		FY20 Rolled Funding	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 19-22 TIP TOTAL
SNF5788.042	2019-001	10th Street Access Control Implementation	Greeley	Intersection Improvements	Federal	STP Metro	-	-	2,011	-	-	-	-	2,011
				intersection improvements	Local	Local	-	-	418	-	-	-	-	418
				Bike/Ped Facility	Local Overmatch	Local Overmatch	-	-	1,236	-	-	-	-	1,236
					Total		-	-	3,665	-	-	-	-	3,665

## NFRMPO FY 2023 - FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Adopted by the North Front Range Transportation Air Quality Planning Council on 5/5/2022

Title:	83rd Ave Roadway Improvements	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Greeley	Federal	STBG	-	-	1,873	-	-	-	1,873	-
STIP ID:	SNF5788.054	Local	L	-	-	389	-	-	-	389	-
TIP ID:	2023-006	Local	LOM	-	-	2,860	-	-	-	2,860	-
Type:	Widening		Total	-	-	5,122	-	-	-	5,122	-

Air Quality: Exempt from conformity analysis

Description: Widen from 2-lane to 4-lane between 10th St to Sheepdraw Bridge and add detached sidewalks and bike lanes

#### **Attachment 2: Letter from CDOT**



### COLORADO

### **Department of Transportation**

Region 4 Greeley Traffic 10601 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street Greeley, CO 80634

10/28/2022

Paul Trombino III, P.E. Public Works Director 2835 10th Street, Greeley, CO 80631

Cell: (970) 652-3809

paul.trombino@greeleygov.com

Project Number: AQC M570-048

Project Code: 20389

Project Name: 10th Street Improvements

RE: Notice of Project Grant Funding Withdrawal

Paul,

This letter is serving as an official correspondence to notify the City of Greeley (City) that the Federal award for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street project is being withdrawn due to project documentation deficiencies regarding the Federal Buy America Act regulations as outlined in the executed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The amount of funding previously reimbursed to the City by CDOT for this project must be repaid to CDOT in the amount of \$2,178,420.53. Also, any outstanding reimbursement requests submitted to CDOT will not be processed or paid and the remaining Federal funding currently in the system for this project will be withdrawn.

To date, Duran Excavation Inc (Duran) has supplied the City and subsequently CDOT with several versions of Buy America documents for the steel and iron incorporated into the project. The provided documents fail to meet the Buy America documentation requirements. CDOT is unable to accept any of the documentation in its current form and have annotated each packet to highlight the deficiencies that need to be corrected. To CDOT's knowledge, the City has been in communication with Duran to try to rectify the situation. Duran has not supplied the proper documentation to meet the Buy America requirements. On October 14, 2022, the City acknowledged they were not able to provide the required Buy America documentation and requested official notice of funding determination so the City could proceed to close the project with Duran.

CDOT's oversight role in the project will cease upon execution of this letter. No further federal/CDOT documentation will be required to be submitted by the City to CDOT. CDOT will close this project once the funding has been repaid by the City to CDOT. The project can be closed out between the City and Duran by the City at its own expense and requirements.



Total project federal funding as shown below is from the most recent executed option letter.

### 1. BUDGETED FUNDS

a.	Federal Funds	
	(82.79% of Participating Costs - AQC)	\$710,000.00
	(82.79% of Participating Costs – STP)	\$1,340,877.00
	(82.79% of Participating Costs - STU)	\$1,498,000.00
	(82.79% of Participating Costs Rolled from 18402)	\$377,910.00
ь.	Local Agency Matching Funds	
	(17.21% of Participating Costs)	\$737,724.00
	(17.21% of Participating Costs Rolled from 18402)	\$78,559.00

TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS

\$4,743,070,00

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely, Kyle Ralston

CC: Bryce Reeves

Paul Trombino

City of Greeley Public Works Director

Bryce Reeves

CDOT Region 4 Traffic RE

Katrina Kloberdanz (Nov 28, 2022 15:58 MST)

Katrina Kloberdanz CDOT R4 Traffic Engineer X Heather Paddock

Heather Paddock CDOT R4 RTD



### **Attachment 3: Email from CDOT**

#### **Bhooshan Karnik**

From: Kloberdanz - CDOT, Katrina <katrina.kloberdanz@state.co.us>

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 4:04 PM

To: Paul Trombino

Cc: Bryce Reeves - CDOT; Ralston - CDOT, Kyle; Paige Millen; Bhooshan Karnik; Wendy

Bethel

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 20389 - Memo Signing

#### Good afternoon Paul.

I spoke with Heather about your request to transfer the funds to another project. Heather is supportive of that idea, however, because these are MPO funds the ultimate decision lies with NFRMPO. The project you want to transfer the funds to also needs to meet the criteria for the original color of funding. The next step for Greeley is likely a formal request to the MPO. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss this further.

Sincerely, Katrina Kloberdanz

P 970.350.2211 | C 970.302.6724 10601 W. 10th Street, Greeley, CO 80634 katrina.kloberdanz@state.co.us

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 11:55 AM Ralston - CDOT, Kyle < kyle.ralston@state.co.us > wrote:

FYI update on 20389

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Paul Trombino < Paul. Trombino@greeleygov.com >

Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 11:52 AM

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 20389 - Memo Signing To: Ralston - CDOT, Kyle <<u>kyle.ralston@state.co.us</u>>

Cc: Paige Millen < Paige.Millen@greeleygov.com >, Bhooshan Karnik < Bhooshan.Karnik@greeleygov.com >, Wendy

Bethel < Wendy. Bethel@greelevgov.com>

Kyle,

Thank you for sending the letter. I had sent a note to Heather (Paddock) requesting consideration of re-appropriating these federal dollars to another City of Greeley project. This is consistent with past practices in other states. I would prefer to understand the decision process and/or decision on our request to move the funds to another project before I sign the letter. I have included a copy of my email to Heather. Thank you.

# **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Project Application**



2018 Call for Projects

	į	Applicant Info	rmation	
Project Sponsor Agency:	Agency Contact:	Telephone:	Email Address:	
Mailing Address:	<u> </u>	City:	State:	Zip Code:
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ADT on facility (if intersection, please provide ADT on all legs):	Time Period of ADT:	Data Source:
Describe the type of crashes that are occurring (rear-end, broadside etc. these issues. Please add any additional safety information that is not re-	·	roject will address
Mobility		
Please describe how the project improves mobility.		
System Preservation	n	
Pavement Condition Index Type:		
Please describe the pavement condition and how this project will impac	t / address system preserv	ation.
Partnerships		
If other agencies or organizations are partnering with you on this project and the status of any agreements (e.g. ROW donations or easements):	ct, please list and describe	each agency's role
Economic Developme		
Please describe qualitatively how the project supports economic develo	ment:	
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		Funding		
	Source	FY2022	FY2023	Total
Federal Request	STBG			
Local Match				
Local Match				
Other Funding /				
Local Overmatch				
			Total Project Cost	
			Total Local Funding	
		Tota	al STBG Funding Request	
		Operations		
Environmental Impact Sta	atement):		clusion, Environmental Asses	
	Anticipa	ted Project Milest	one Dates	Month-Year (or N/A)
Completion of CDOT/Spc	onsor IGA (Intergove	mental Agreement) (M	inimum of 6-8 months)	
FIR (Field Inspection Revi	ew) (Minimum of 3-	12 months)		
FOR (Final Office Review)	(Minimum of 3 mor	nths)		
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Right-of-Way Clearance	(Minimum of 12-18	months if acquiring)		
Environmental Clearance	(Minimum of 6-8 m	onths)		
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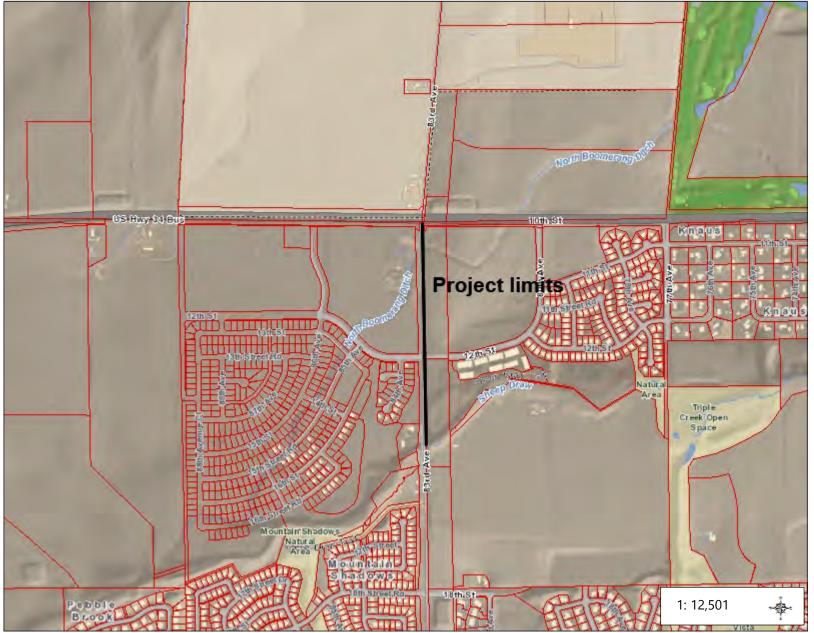
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Regional Director's Office 10601 W. 10th Street Greeley, CO 80634-9000

**December 10, 2018** 

Tom Hellen City of Greeley 1001 9th Ave Greeley CO 80631

RE: CDOT Support Request for NFR MPO TIP Call FY22-FY23

Dear Mr. Hellen,

This letter is to inform you that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) concurs with the following City of Greeley application for the NFR MPO FY22-23 TIP Call. This concurrence applies only for the 83rd Avenue Roadway Improvements project, in the event that the NFR MPO selects this project in spring 2019. If this project is awarded NFR MPO funds at a later time, the local agency will need to reaffirm CDOT's concurrence at that time.

Our comments on your application include- Elaborate on the tie-in to 10<sup>th</sup> St Intersection, including if any intersection widening is anticipated. This work would extend your schedule significantly. CDOT must approve all signal modifications at US34 Business Route (10<sup>th</sup> St) and a new signal at US34 Bypass. ROW availability is of concern.

This concurrence is conditionally granted based on the scope as described. CDOT does however retain final decision-making authority for all improvements and changes within CDOT's right of way. As the project progresses the local agency will need to work closely with CDOT Region staff to ensure CDOT's continued concurrence.

This project must comply with all CDOT and/or FHWA requirements including those associated with clearance for Right of Way, Utilities, and Environmental. All costs associated with clearances including right of way acquisition, utilities relocation, and environmental mitigation measures, such as wetland creation, must be included in the project costs. CDOT staff will assist you in determining which clearances are required for your project. The CDOT Local Agency Manual includes project requirements to assist with contracting, design, and construction, which can be accessed at:

http://www.coloradodot.info/business/designsupport/bulletins\_manuals



Should you have any questions regarding this concurrence or if your agency would like to schedule time to meet with CDOT specialty units, please contact Karen Schneiders at 970/350-2172.

Sincerely,

Johnny Olson, P.E.

**Region 4 Transportation Director** 

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cc: Medora Kealy, NFR MPO

Jake Schuch, CDOT Local Agency

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Street Access Control Implementation Project Funding Exchange

NFRMPO Planning Council April 6th, 2023

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# **Background**

- City of Greeley was awarded \$2,010,958 in STBG funding for the 10th Street Access Control Implementation Project as part of the 2014 Call for Projects.
- · Project was completed in 2020.
- During project closeout and subsequent CDOT audit, the contractor was found to have not submitted required Buy America documentation.
- As a result, the CDOT rescinded the funding, requiring the City to reimburse the entire \$2,010,958.

Greeley

# **Background**

- CDOT letter did not hold City responsible for the lack of documentation.
- City of Greeley requested CDOT to reassign the funding to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave Improvement Project.
- CDOT supports the request to reassign the funding though also requested concurrence from the NFRMPO .
- The 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave Roadway Improvement project comprises widening 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4 lanes from 10<sup>th</sup> St south to the Bridge over Sheep Draw.

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# **Background**

Title:	83rd Ave Roadway Improvements	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Greeley	Federal	STBG	-	1	1,873	2	-	-	1,873	27.57
STIP ID:	SNF5788.054	Local	L	+		389	Ψ.	-	-	389	-
TIP ID:	2023-006	Local	LOM	-		2,860		16	-	2,860	-
Type:	Widening		Total	0-3		5,122	-	-	- 4	5,122	-
Air Quality:	Exempt from conformity analysis										
Description	: Widen from 2-lane to 4-lane bety	reen 10th St to	Sheepdraw Bridge and	add detached	sidewalks	and bike la	nes				

- As seen from funding table above, there is a \$2,860K overmatch from the City of Greeley.
- The requested transfer will still leave a local overmatch of \$431K



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# **TAC Discussion**

- Funding exchange was discussed during the TAC meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- TAC determined this was a major change possibly requiring TIP amendment.
- The NFRMPO currently has no waitlisted or partially funded STBG projects from any previous Call for Projects.
- TAC determined the request be considered by the Planning Council for approval.

Greeley

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# **Council Action**

 City of Greeley requests approval from the Planning Council that the STBG funds be reallocated to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvements project included in the FY2023-FY2026 TIP (STIP ID SNF5788.054 and TIP ID 2023-006)



Thank you



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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: April 6, 2023

Re: 2023 Call for Projects

# **Background**

The NFRMPO will be holding a Call for Projects to award approximately \$25M in Federal and State funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The 2023 Call for Projects will be a consolidated call for all five NFRMPO controlled funding sources: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Transportation Alternatives (TA), and Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF).

Prior to any Calls for Projects, NFRMPO Staff review and refine the Call processes, making updates based on Federal and State regulations, and current needs and priorities. Following the 2021 Call for Projects, NFRMPO staff conducted a survey about the Call process with TAC and project sponsors. The outcomes of the survey, as well as discussions following the 2022 MMOF Call for Projects, will guide the changes undertaken during the planning of the 2023 Call for Projects. Over the next several months NFRMPO Staff will have discussions with TAC and Planning Council about the 2023 Call for Projects process and guidebook.

### **Action**

Staff recommends Planning Council review the attached presentation. This is an introductory discussion on the 2023 Call for Projects, more detailed discussions will be held in subsequent Planning Council meetings.

### **Attachments**

2023 Call for Projects Preview Presentation



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# Timeline



- Call for Projects Discussions April-August
- Call for Projects Opens August 4, 2023
- Applications Due October 6, 2023
- Scoring Committee ~November 1, 2023
- Council Discussion of Recommended Projects Applicant Presentations
  - December 7, 2023
- Council Action on Recommended Projects January 4, 2024

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# **Funding Sources**



### Federal

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- Transportation Alternatives (TA)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

#### State

Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF)

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# **Funding Estimates**



Program	FY2026	FY2027	Federal/State Funding Total
CMAQ	\$5,419,439	\$5,538,667	\$10,958,106
STBG	\$4,537,955	\$4,652,924	\$9,190,879
TA	\$466,728	\$466,046	\$934,423
CRP	\$821,802	\$839,882	\$1,661,684
MMOF	\$1,119,176	\$1,182,950	\$2,302,126
	TOTAL		\$25,029,138

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# Federal Requirements: IIJA



- Added project eligibilities for all funding programs
- · Focus on safety -
  - FHWA encourages funding recipients to prioritize safety in all Federal Highway investments and in all appropriate projects
  - Inclusion of complete streets

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# Federal Requirements: IIJA



- Focus on equity
  - Prioritization-The competitive process described in subparagraph

     (B) shall include prioritization of project location and impact in
     high-need areas as defined by the State, such as low-income,
     transit-dependent, rural, or other areas (23 U.S.C. 133(h)(4)(D))
  - inclusion of project elements that proactively address racial equity, workforce development, economic development, and remove barriers to opportunity, including automobile dependence in both rural and urban communities as a barrier to opportunity or to redress prior inequities and barriers to opportunity

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# Updates to the Call Process



- Aligning evaluation criteria to Council priorities
- Incorporating Federal and State requirements
- Addition of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- Defining eligible entities
- Funding set-asides
- Implementation of MPO plans and programs
  - RTP goals, CMP strategies, etc.

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# 2050 RTP Goals



### **Regional Health**

Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality

### **Mobility**

 Moves people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system

### **Multimodal**

• Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation

## **Operations**

• Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities

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# **Next Steps**



- May 4 Discussion with Planning Council on priorities
- May TAC Workshop on evaluation criteria
- May-July Staff development of Call for Project Guidebook
- August Planning Council approval of Call process

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# Questions?



# **AnnaRose Cunningham**

Transportation Planner II (970) 818-9497 arcunningham@nfrmpo.org

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Goals	Criteria
Regional Health	Air Quality (Ozone and GHG) Economic Development Equity Multimodal Index (MMI)
Mobility	Safety Network Connectivity Infrastructure Condition System Performance Congestion Management
Multimodal	Active Transportation Transit Non-SOV Commute/VMT Reduction
Operations	ITS/Operational Improvements Asset Management Partnerships Creative Funding Mechanisms
Discretionary points	Allowable points based on scoring member discretion

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# **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: April 6, 2023

Re: Equity Resources

# **Background**

NFRMPO Staff are creating a resource outlining the Federal and State requirements for equity considerations including Justice40, Disproportionately Impacted (DI) Communities, and Environmental Justice (EJ). This resource outlines Federal or State guidance defining each type of community, what the areas are within the NFRMPO, and the requirements for MPO consideration. NFRMPO Staff has also created an Equity Index of each of the three equity areas to help guide discussions as to how consideration may be given during the 2023 Call for Projects.

### **Action**

The online Equity Resources tool will be sent to Planning Council in the Handouts packet. Staff requests Planning Council be prepared to discuss these resources as they relate to equity considerations in the 2023 Call for Projects.

### **Attachments**

Equity Resources ArcGIS Online StoryMap (Handouts)



## **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Becky Karasko

Date: April 6, 2023

Re: 10-Year List of Projects Update 2050 RTP Update

# **Background**

In early 2020, CDOT developed a 10-Year Strategic Pipeline of Projects to create a list of the State's top transportation priorities and provide a living list of projects to incorporate into CDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as the four active fiscal years change as well as the <u>2045 Statewide Plan</u>.

To ensure the NFRMPO's regional priorities were reflected in CDOT's list, the NFRMPO prioritized projects in the region. A list of 57 regional projects, along the six regional and statewide significant corridors agreed to by Planning Council, was compiled from a variety of sources, including: the <u>2045 Regional Transportation Plan</u>, US85 and US34 PEL studies, the Region 4 2018 Ballot Project List, and from TAC and Planning Council members.

A Work Session to prioritize these projects was held on January 16, 2020. The result of this workshop was a Tier 1 list of projects that was sent to CDOT in January 2020 for incorporation into their 2045 Statewide Plan.

The NFRMPO's 10-Year List has been updated twice since 2020, once each in 2021 and 2022. To ensure the NFRMPO's 10-Year list continues to reflect the region's priorities and remains a living document in the NFRMPO's upcoming 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) currently under development, NFRMPO Staff has begun the process of reviewing the Tier 1 list to ensure any changes to the projects' status are accurately reflected and that the projects on the list are still the region's top priorities. Working with the 2050 RTP timeline, the deadline for completing this update is May 2023.

Staff reviewed the lists of projects and requested updated project information from project sponsors by Tuesday, January 31, 2023. The updated list of projects was discussed at the March 6, 2023 Planning Council meeting. Following discussion of the priority corridors and projects, Planning Council members requested TAC discuss the corridors and projects to determine if the projects on the list should be based on corridor priority or based on individual project priority. TAC discussed the project lists at their March 15, 2023 meeting and requested a workshop to discuss the lists and projects in detail. A workshop was scheduled for March 27, 2023. Additional information was requested from TAC members by March 31, 2023. The project list outcome from the workshop will be provided in the Council Handouts Packet.



# **Action**

NFRMPO staff would like Planning Council's feedback on TAC's prioritized list recommendations from their March 27, 2023 workshop. This is a discussion item and Planning Council's feedback will inform the final list of priorities.



## **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Becky Karasko

**Date: April 6, 2023** 

Re: FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Tasks

## **Background**

The NFRMPO staff has drafted the Tasks and Products for the FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). It is anticipated the Finance Committee will review the FY2024 Budget at their April 20, 2023 meeting and that they will recommend Planning Council approval at the May 4, 2023 meeting. The full FY2024-2025 UPWP and FY2024 Budget will go to Planning Council for their approval at their May 4, 2023 meeting to allow for CDOT and FHWA approval prior to the beginning of FY2024 on October 1, 2023.

The draft *FY2024-2025 UPWP* Tasks are provided at the link below, and comments are requested by **Friday, April 14, 2023**. The full *Draft FY2024-2025 UPWP* can be accessed here: https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/fy2024-2025-upwp-draft-03282023.pdf.

### **Action**

NFRMPO staff requests Planning Council members review the *FY2024-2025 UPWP* and provide comments to Becky Karasko at <a href="mailto:bkarasko@nfrmpo.org">bkarasko@nfrmpo.org</a> by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023**.

# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Summary

Date/Time: Thursday, March 2, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Highlights and Action Items**

- 1. CDOT Update on Current Events Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director
  - ED Lew and Communications Director are in Washington DC this week.
  - Deadline for RAISE Grant submittals was this week CDOT submitted seven applications.
  - TC agenda for March is a follows:
    - Joint Workshop with CTIO on TIFIA loans for work on I-25 North for Segments 6-8, with Segment
       5 being incorporated.
    - o Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer, is requesting adoption of CDOT FY 23 2024 Budget.
    - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Metro Area Presentation: DRCOG and CDOT 10-Year Plans both have
       BRT planned for Federal, Colorado, Colfax, maybe Hwy270, and SH119.
    - Fiber Infrastructure Update and a fee based proposal for access to CDOT ROW for Fiber.
    - Safety Update presentation from multiple sections of CDOT
    - Small Business Diversity Committee Meeting
    - Audit Committee Meeting
- 2. TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports
  - <u>FHWA</u> Safe Streets for All Program a formal kick-off webinar occurred yesterday. Webinar was recorded and should be in the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) webpage in a week or so at:
     <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A">https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A</a>. Since those projects are actively managed by the FHWA Colorado Division Office, they are reaching out to recipients to conduct a formal kick-off meeting to discuss projects and next steps. Look for an April notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) will be out for the next round of SS4A grants.
  - <u>FTA</u> has two open calls for discretionary grant funds: 1) Areas of Persistent Poverty with \$20M will close March 10, 2023, and 2) Large Bus and Bus Facility Discretionary Program with \$1.7 B will close April 13, 2023.
- 3. Legislative Report Herman Stockinger and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)
  - The U.S. debt ceiling has been reached at the federal government -Congress is working together on solutions to raise the ceiling. Military funds have been proposed for a cut. Not sure there will be any impact on CDOT or IIJA funds. CDOT is watching this carefully.
  - Lots of hearings related to China right now any legislation or outcomes may impact manufacturing that could influence CDOT purchases.
  - Ohio train derailment focused on rail safety right now and potential legislation for rail
  - Phil Washington, previously Denver International Airport (DEN) CEO, is in process to be confirmed as FAA Administrator.
  - Congressionally Directed Spending Applications opened (EARMARKS), any questions on these applications should be directed to Jamie.
- 4. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Briefing Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair, Northwest Transportation Planning Region, and Melissa Houghton, SRTS Program Manager
  - Heather Sloop is on the SRTS Committee, all applications were awarded and was an easy process. A Couple applications did not fulfill the requirements of the application process.
  - A rather involved discussion ensued regarding the left over funds and concerns that the full amount was not expended now (\$2M) to be rolled over into the next round of SRTS in FY 2025/2026.

- The project application eligibility issues was the cause for not expending all the funds available.
- The SRTS project selection process is an intense and comprehensive one and done with a lot of thought and consideration. Lots of communication and pre-award meetings occur to ensure a proper and fair process. And communities with submittals unselected are provided explanatory information on why the application didn't work, and how to improve it for future rounds. It would be unfair to pick one application over another to fix their one application, in order to spend all of the available funds.
- It was recommended to notify the MPOs of the status of the SRTS applications that didn't get funded so they can offer technical assistance to their jurisdictions.
- Heather noted she will need someone to replace her on the SRTS Committee for the next round.
- Concerns that Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DICs) provided some priority in the scoring of projects.
  - It was explained that some communities were eligible for reduced or eliminated local match requirements, similar to MMOF criteria.
- SRTS dollars are also good to join with other funding programs to fund projects, such as TAP.
- **STAC Action:** Recommend to the TC to approve the projects selected for funding Holly Williams so moved and Brian Pettet seconded.
- 5. Poor Interstate Pavement Recommendation Toby Manthey CDOT Performance and Asset Management Branch
  - Introduced a new Strategy for addressing the Poor Interstate Pavement.
    - Need to stay lower than 5% lane miles deemed poor to stay within federal guidelines to keep flexibility of spending federal dollars. If at or over 5% would need to invest more money in poor interstate program instead.
    - Colorado is at 3.9% now. This proposal is expected to reduce Poor ratings to 1.4% without considering the degradation of other interstate sections.
    - Proposed treatments were explained. Most are not reconstruction, but extend the life about 8–10-Years vs. 20 years with reconstruction, which would be much more costly based on Drivability Life criteria.
  - Several STAC members expressed concern over not waiting to invest in reconstruction, vs. doing overlay
    paving to preserve drivability-life.
  - **STAC Action:** Recommend to the TC to approve the proposed method for addressing the Poor Interstate Pavement across Colorado. Nicholas Williams so moved, and seconded by Keith Baker.
    - Commissioners Scott Weaver, and Chris Richardson voted against this action.
    - The action passed by a majority vote of the STAC.
- 6. Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget Overview (02:08:58) Bethany Nicholas, Budget Director, Office of Financial Management and Budget Recommendation to the TC on the final FY 2024 CDOT Budget
  - The proposed final FY24 Budget was presented including changes since the draft budget proposed in November 2022. STAC expressed unanimous support for its adoption as presented.
- 7. Fiber Infrastructure Update Allie Axley, Branch Manager, Intelligent Transportation Systems & Network Services Update on Fiber and Broadband Infrastructure Improvements
  - Allie Axley provided an overview of CDOT's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Branch and the Branch's Fiber Optic Program, including the roadway and traffic data systems it supports and CDOT's fiber lease and Right of Way Access programs.
  - Solicitations for fiber lease include an assessment of how the proposed use contributes to CDOT's
    mission, such as other transportation system uses proposed by other local governments. CDOT
    considers the effect on the system as a whole when considering the individual access proposals.
  - The Branch will be presenting to the TC on the Fiber Lease in March.
- 8. Featured Region of the Month: Region 5 David Valentinelli Resident Engineer, Region 5 Update on the US 550-US160 Connection South project

- CDOT's Region 5 Director, Julie Constan, David Valentinelli Project Director and Environmental Planning Manager Tony Cady presented highlights of the Region's projects, focusing on the US550 US160 Connection South project, which is to-date the largest single project ever completed in the Region.
- The project overview included the history and approach undertaken by CDOT to implement the project. This included measures and approaches taken to maximize safety improvements while minimizing environmental impacts, reducing wildlife vehicle collisions, and improved access management. The project resulted in the discovery of pre-historic human remains and other archaeological finds that were repatriated with the area's tribes.
- 9. Other Business Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair
  - The next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023.
  - Upcoming STAC action items include the STIP Update and Adoption in May and Program Distribution discussions to begin in July.