



Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES
April 25th, 2023
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Jacque Penfold, Member of the Public
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Melanie Royalty, Transfort
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Lorye McLeod, PAFC
- Brian Dubois, Town of Berthoud
- Vanessa Solesbee, Town of Estes Park
- Kimberly Baker, LC Health and Environment
- Brooke Bettolo, LC Health & Environment

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt

2. Review of Agenda

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Kaliczak motioned to approve the January minutes. Solesbee seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

1) Foothills Gateway – Edgley

Edgley shared a presentation about Foothills Gateway with the group. Slides can be found [here](#).

RIDENOCO UPDATES

Schmitt gave an update about RideNoCo, including progress on the Trip Discovery Tool and Trip Scheduling phases. Brooke Bettolo was introduced as the new Mobility Planner and will be starting with the NFRMPO at the end of May. Slides can be found [here](#).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Mobility Case Study & Multi-Community Trips – All

Schmitt went over a mobility case study for a 78 year old woman in the Larimer County portion of Johnstown who needs door-to-door transportation to Loveland for medical appointments. Conaway shared that RAFT would vet the person's situation to see if their wheelchair accessible van could potentially serve if no other affordable options existed. Once the Via Mobility services launch in Weld County, this person will be eligible to use this option as Johnstown is participating.



A follow up question was posed to providers of how they are currently handling cross-jurisdictional trips in general and is it a need that often arises?

Kelly shared that Transfort often hears of gaps of Dial-a-Ride users trying to get between Fort Collins and Loveland. While the Dial-a-Taxi program can help address that gap, passengers have shared that the voucher doesn't cover the full cost of the ride, especially when it's going to places of employment daily. Conaway shared that since most medical destinations are outside of Berthoud, RAFT is often taking passengers to other communities. Nelson-Cleverley mentioned that SAINT often doesn't get requests for cross-jurisdictional trips between Fort Collins and Loveland but wonders if that is because SAINT states that they don't provide that service.

Dial-a-Taxi trips increasing post-pandemic which indicates that there are more out-of-town trips being requested and taken by customers as these fall outside of the Dial-a-Ride boundaries.

2) **Mobility Action Plan Updates** – All

Schmitt presented key changes to the Mobility Action Plan for 2023 and reminded members to provide feedback and comments prior to formal adoption of the Plan at the May 2023 Northern Colorado Mobility Committee meeting.

3) **Integrating Mobility & Access Priority Group Goals** – All

Schmitt facilitated a discussion about the approach for integrating progress towards Mobility & Access Priority Group goals into the work of the LCMC based upon a subcommittee framework proposed and agreed upon by the Weld County Mobility Committee. An MPO staff person would serve as administrative lead for this subcommittee with a LCMC member serving as a liaison to help facilitate meetings. Kelly and McLeod volunteered to participate in this subcommittee which will start up once the Mobility Planner is onboarded.

WORKING GROUPS

1) **Recruitment Working Group** – Schmitt/All

- a. None this month
- b. **Next Steps:**
 - i. None this month

2) **Outreach and Education Working Group** –All

- a. **Next Steps:**
 - i. Outreach Group Reflection
 1. Members expressed that they do find value in having a standing Outreach agenda item to discuss shared collaboration opportunities but that the



format could be refined some since it is not technically a “work group” after the errors with trialing breakout groups in 2022.

- ii. Updated rack card design shared with the group. The change helps scale up the distribution of materials as the program continues to grow. Additionally, a whole host of outreach materials are available for events and trainings to distribute in 2023.
- iii. New [Travel Training page](#) on the RideNoCo website. Currently shares info on existing travel training resources but will be the home for RideNoCo travel training modules in the future.

TRANSFORT & COLT NEWS AND UPDATES

COLT has a new interactive mapping tool on the COLT website to allow people to see if their residence qualify for Dial-a-Ride Paratransit service. Transfort also plans to add a mapping tool for paratransit eligibility in their soon-to-be-updated website.

Kelly shared that Transfort is in the early stages of developing an online scheduling portal for Dial-a-Ride users in addition to continuing transition to battery electric buses and interim leadership positions for Transfort that will hopefully become more permanent soon. Kelly can share updates on the scheduling platform project via a presentation at a future LCMC meeting.

Smith said that COLT is currently in a holding pattern awaiting the completion of the Centerra Mobility Hub to introduce service changes. Construction is poised to begin on the 37th Street Transfer Center with an expected completion of January 2024.

LCMC MEMBER UPDATES

McLeod shared that PAFC is hosting a fundraising community event on 6/24 at Fossil Creek Park featuring a silent auction, Medicare specialists, and more.

Penfold shared that the Larimer County Office on Aging is hosting its 2023 Resource Forum in Loveland tomorrow, April 26th addressing housing, transportation, and other important topics for older adults in the County. While attendance is sold out the event will be recorded and the link shared afterwards.

Solesbee with Estes Park Transit shared about the Zero Emissions Committee meeting being held at the upcoming CASTA Conference in Pueblo. Estes Park has an RFP released to complete the Town’s first Multimodal and Transit Development Plan in 25 years. Solesbee also shared that Estes Transit will be unveiling an updated brand for the town’s transit services soon. Bustang will be returning beginning on Memorial Day Weekend under a rebranded “Elkstang” name and bus wrap. Solesbee and Schmitt also shared that Via Mobility is providing transportation for Estes Valley residents to Loveland on a limited basis two-days a week through June 30, 2023 with the hope of expanded service along US34 in the future.

Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)

None

Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions

Transfort Dial-a-Ride Online Scheduling Portal

Upcoming Meetings:



- a. **Northern Colorado Mobility Committee:** May 23rd 1 to 3:30 pm at the Windsor Rec Center
- b. **LCMC Meeting:** Tuesday, July 25th 1:30 to 3:00 pm Virtual