

**Executive Summary of the  
North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Community Advisory Committee**

May 11, 2023

**Attendees:** Craig Hurst, York, Gary Strome, Pauline Migliore, Nathalie Rachline, Brad Ragazzo

**Staff:** Alex Gordon, AnnaRose Cunningham, Jerome Rouser

**CDOT Statewide Freight Plan**

Craig Hurst, CDOT, introduced the Statewide Freight Plan. Freight Plans are required for every state. CDOT is updating its Freight Plan because of IIJA, which requires a truck parking facility assessment, resiliency and redundancy, and population and sector analyses. CDOT will continue its focus on safety, mobility, and asset management, and add greenhouse gas emissions reductions, risk and resiliency, and equity and inclusion. The Plan will be developed over nine months, collecting data, mapping assets, identifying trends, conducting needs assessment and gap analyses, and identifying strategies. CDOT will be forming a work group to guide the project.

York asked what the busiest freight corridor is. Hurst noted I-25 to Wyoming is the busiest export corridor to Wyoming, while connections to the south via I-25 and US287 are the busiest import corridors. Hurst noted the Ports to Plains corridor is the busiest in the State. York asked to compare data between truck traffic and crashes. Hurst noted CDOT is getting better and creating programs to address safety-related freight issues. Cunningham asked about the first mile/last mile strategies related to freight beyond the National Highway System. Hurst responded that the middle mile is a key issue in Colorado and explained the middle mile is the deliveries to warehouses. Curbside management is also being studied. York asked about freight rail. Hurst responded that CDOT does not control rail and can encourage but not require more freight moved by rail. Hurst noted CDOT will update its State Rail Plan, which also addresses freight rail. Hurst also highlighted major freight rail projects happening in the State. Gordon asked about the evolution of freight planning within CDOT. Hurst highlighted electrification and capacity, investment, infrastructure, planning, and routing efficiency as focuses throughout CDOT. Cunningham asked about ways for the CAC to get involved in CDOT's Freight Plan. Hurst noted two outreach efforts in June and September as well as the Work Group that will have a diverse membership.

**Colorado Bike Month**

Jerome Rouser discussed the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative, including potential walk audits in Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley, and along the Poudre Trail; Safe Routes to School, including the upcoming Work Group; and Colorado Bike Month throughout June and Bike to Wherever Day. Rachline asked what the objective of the initiative is. Rouser answered the objective is a mix of programming and infrastructure.

**Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge**

Gordon explained the Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge. CAC recommended reaching out to employee newsletters, chambers of commerce, and posting flyers in public spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



*Presented by:*  
Craig Hurst, Manager

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# Colorado Freight Plan -> Implementation



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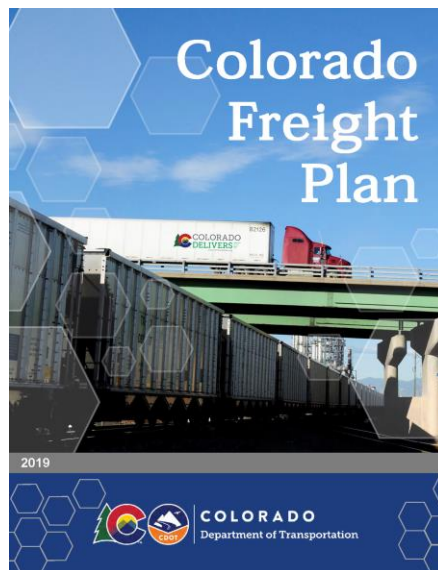


## Background

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FHWA approved as Fast Act  
Compliant Plan - March 2019:

- Provided short & long term guidance for CDOT
- Identified measurable strategies
- Positioned CDOT for NHFP & other grant opportunities
- Paved the way for future partnership opportunities



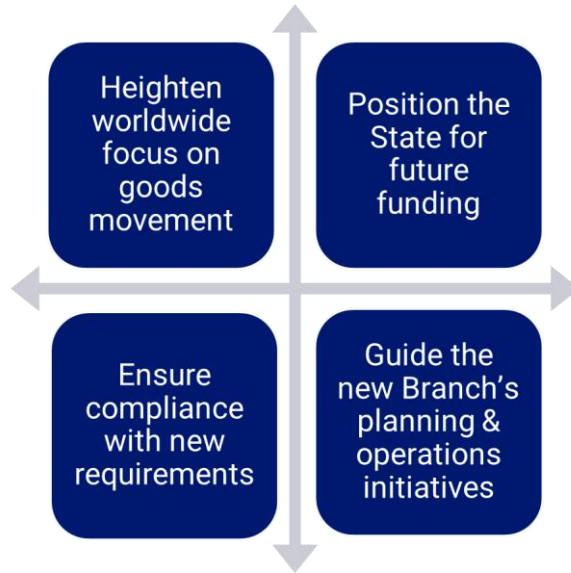
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## New Requirements

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### Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



- Truck Parking facility assessment
- Resiliency & Redundancy
- Adds population & sector analysis requirements
  - Military
  - Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Increases frequency of plan updates from 5 to 4 years

### Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act



- Inventory of network freight impacts
- focus on asset management

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## What Informed Plan Preparation

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*Relevant Information Gathering to develop the scope of the work:*

150

### Define **Data Availability**

Almost 150 sources of data were discovered

32

### Industry **Advisor Conversations**

32 members of the Freight Advisory Council were invitation to advise on focus area identification

24

### Other State's Freight Plan **Environmental Components**

24 State Freight Plans were assessed

15

### CDOT **Colleague Interviews**

More than 15 people with expertise from other CDOT areas were interviewed

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### Federal & State **Regulations & Roadmap** Guidance

10 regulations and statewide roadmaps were reviewed in detail

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## Plan Preparation Input

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Quality Data and  
Information

Redundancy & Resiliency

Climate & Energy Policy

Economic Development & Trade

Safety

First & Last Mile Transport

Regional Needs

Future Risks & COVID Impacts

Land Use Coordination

System and Asset Condition

Education and Communications

Effective Outreach and  
Engagement

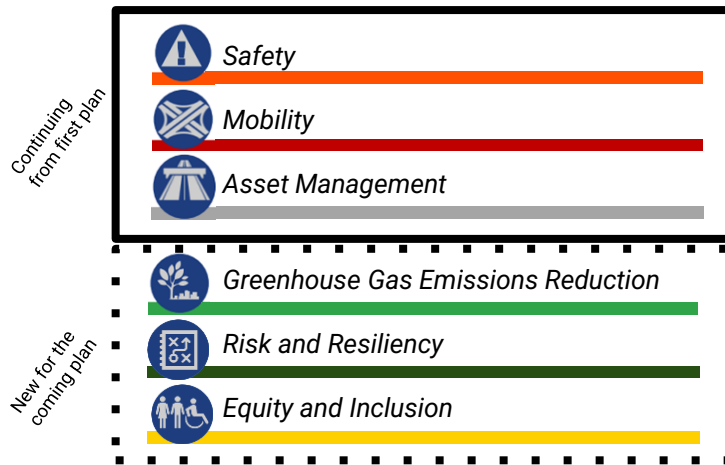
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## Resulting Focus Areas

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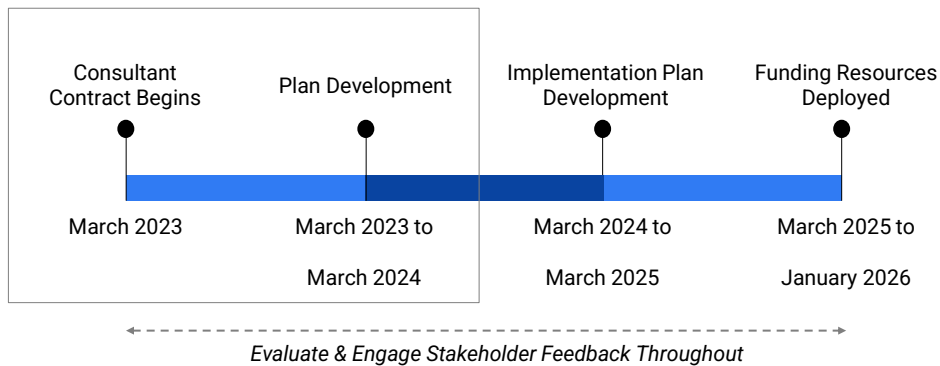
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## Timeline

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## Plan Development Tasks

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## What's Next in Planning How & When: Local Engagement?

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- Stakeholder engagement and data will be incredibly important in creating a successful statewide freight plan.
- The FAC, MPOs, TPRs, STAC, CEO, CDPHE, Military Partners, Economic Development and others will be invited to participate in a series of feedback sessions that will focus on developing strategy and ground truthing the data.
- We will be forming a working group to get us through the process, and also encourage feedback from anyone that has interest.

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## Questions?

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## NoCo Bike & Ped



- Walk Audits
  - The NFRMPO aims to support Walk Audits throughout the region
  - Potential Walk Audit Locations:
    - Mulberry/SH 14 East of I-25
    - West 57<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Poudre River Trail between Timnath and Windsor




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## NoCo Bike & Ped




- Safe Routes to School Subcommittee
  - The goal is to help coordinate resources throughout the region
  - Subcommittee to NoCo Bike & Ped
  - First meeting: May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



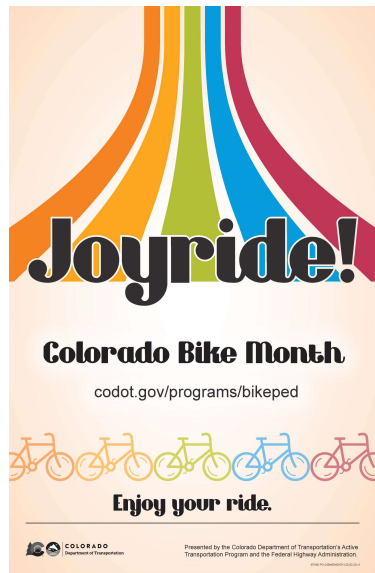
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## Colorado Bike Month



- Bike Month Events:
  - Loveland
    - Loveland & National Trails Day Celebration- June 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Try-A-Bike Day- June 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Bicycle Poker Ride- June 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Walking Tour: Downtown Loveland- June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Fort Collins
    - Fort Collins Open Streets- June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Windsor
    - Bike Night- June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Greeley
    - Ride & Revel- June 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Evans
    - Ride with a Hero- June 24<sup>th</sup>



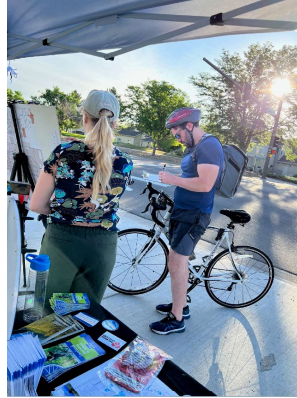
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## Bike to Work/Wherever Day



- Five communities participating:
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  - [Loveland](#)
  - [Greeley](#)
  - [Windsor](#)
  - Evans



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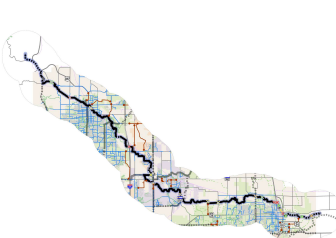
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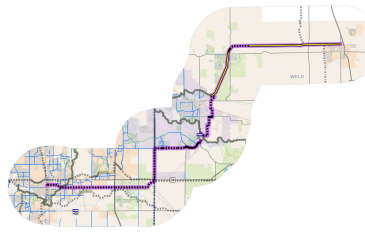
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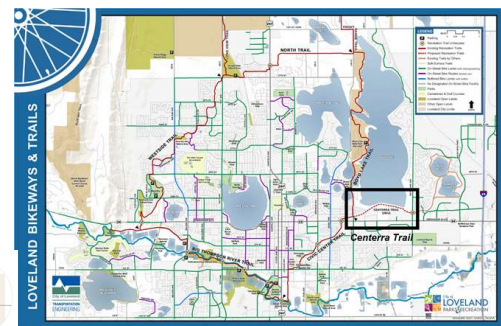
- New Completed Trails: Centerra Trail in Loveland
- Trails to be completed this year:
  - Poudre River Trail
    - Between LaPorte and Island Grove in Greeley
  - Great Western Trail
    - Between Windsor and Eaton



Poudre River Trail



Great Western Trail



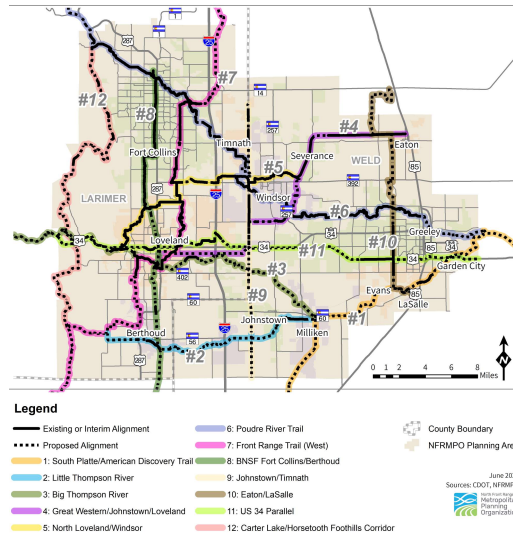
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## Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs)



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