

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
June 21, 2023
1:00 – 2:43 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Mark Oberschmidt, Vice Chair – Evans
Emma Belmont –FTA
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Nicole Hahn - Loveland
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Annabelle Philips– Fort Collins, Alternate
Evan Pinkham – Weld County, Alternate
Josie Thomas – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

Brooke Bettolo
AnnaRose Cunningham
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette
Jerome Rouser
Cory Schmitt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Abdul Barzak – Severance
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Brian DuBois – Berthoud
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lacey Allor – Save Energy Coalition
Darwin Cortez –STV
Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Myron Hora – Ulteig Engineering
Will Keenan – FHWA
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Deanna McIntosh – CDOT
Desiree Moore – Save Energy Coalition
Phil Von Hake - CDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17, 2023 TAC MINUTES

Oberschmidt moved to approve the May 17, 2023 TAC minutes. Phillips seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Moore stated the RAQC Board will take action at their July 7 meeting on several control strategies related to lawn and garden equipment, oil and gas emissions, and hearing summaries on the Severe SIP.

Karasko stated staff will be submitting information related to the conformity determination to CDPHE the week of June 19 2023. The public comment period will open at the end of July 2023 and the Public Hearing will be held at the September 7, 2023 Planning Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

2050 RTP Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report– Karasko stated staff has been working to get the travel model runs for the GHG Transportation Report since the NFRMPO received the model late last week. Gordon reviewed the changes to the draft and stated that the reductions achieve the GHG Planning Standard requirements. Requirements are to achieve reductions in 2025, 2030, 2040, and 2050, but the Regional Travel Demand Model has a conformity year of 2026. To calculate 2025 and 2027, the last year of the forthcoming TIP, model outputs were interpolated to show achievement. He highlighted what had changed and what had been carried forward from the 2045 RTP 2022 Update to the 2050 RTP. He discussed the four categories within the GHG Transportation Report: Transit, TDM, Operations, and Active Transportation, and how they positively impact the GHG reductions for the region.

Herrera moved to recommend Planning Council approve the 2050 RTP Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report pending no negative public comment from TAC. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

City of Evans Roundabout Flyover Videos – Oberschmidt provided a video showing the progress on the 37th Street roundabout project and provided a status update on the project and stated the project will be completed by the end of July.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Draft – Gordon provided an update on the status to complete a draft of the 2050 RTP for TAC review next month. He provided a listing of the sections of the 2050 RTP with TAC priority shown to assist with TAC member's review. Gordon then walked through the schedule for the 2050 RTP through adoption at the September 7, 2023 Planning Council meeting, including the GHG Transportation Report adoption, air quality conformity, and document review.

Karnik asked for clarification on the timing of TAC review, and Gordon clarified TAC members will receive notification on when comments are needed via email over the next several weeks.

2050 RTP Fiscally Constrained Plan Discussion – Cunningham provided background on the Fiscally Constrained Plan and the federal requirements for the plan. She then walked through the data sources for the funding numbers. Cunningham stated there is \$13.2B in estimated revenue for the 2050 RTP from all revenue sources. She then walked through each type of funding source and the amount and

requested TAC feedback on reasonableness of the assumptions. TAC concurred with the reasonableness of using the more conservative five year averages for revenue.

Cunningham then discussed the revenue sources and estimates out to 2050. She explained the discussion at the June 1, 2023 Planning Council meeting regarding any unallocated funding and what the funding priority should be. She then talked about the operations and maintenance costs to determine if the per-lane mile cost was reasonable and if the revenue estimates by expenditure category were reasonable.

Cunningham asked TAC members if the operations and maintenance cost per lane mile was accurate and if not what dollar amount would be reasonable. She also stated Planning Council's concern regarding the difference between maintenance keeping roadways at the current condition for those segments already in that condition or should the unmet need to get all roadways to good condition be reflected. There was significant discussion regarding the cost per lane mile and the average. Cunningham requested feedback from TAC on the per lane mile costs of either \$24,000/lane mile or \$25,000/lane mile and keeping the intersection improvements cost of \$20M per year by the end of the week. Several TAC members expressed concern regarding their community's estimates and will provide updates, if any, to Cunningham.

Cunningham then reviewed the assumptions for the projects in the RTP and the impact of their buildout on the Fiscally Constrained Plan. She requested any changes to the revenues or expenditures be sent to her before the Planning Council packet goes out on June 27, 2023.

Cunningham then provided a brief update on the 2050 RTP projects and requested any comments or changes from TAC members.

2023 Call for Projects Discussion – Cunningham stated the opening of the Call for Projects was approaching and indicated the link to the Guidebook was sent in the Handouts Packet. She discussed the formatting changes to the overall document and the addition of a references section, and the information provided within it. Cunningham then reviewed the schedule for the Call, including the project applicant training which will be held on August 10, 2023 and the Scoring Committee meeting that will be held on November 1, 2023. A change to this Call is the requirement for all project sponsors to provide a project description by August 25, 2023. The submittal of a project description does not require a community to submit a full project application.

Cunningham then discussed the scoring criteria based on the 2050 RTP's five goals. She reviewed the discussion with Planning Council on the scoring breakdown and the scoring weights. She then walked through the outcomes of the Safety Data Working Group on June 8, 2023. She then explained the weighted crash score that will be used for this Call and walked through an example project to show how the score would be applied to projects. She then walked through the preliminary scoring matrix and the example scoring outcomes from projects submitted in the 2021 Call for Projects using the 2023 Call for Projects criteria. She walked through the three sets of examples and how the scoring criteria would have been applied.

Cunningham discussed next steps and requested comments from TAC members by June 26, 2023 to be included in the Planning Council Packet.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – No comments.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt provided a status update on RideNoCo, explaining the procurement status of accessible vehicles for Milliken and 60+ Ride. He introduced Brooke Bettolo, the new NFRMPO Mobility Planner.

REPORTS

June Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee – A written report was provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Tracy stated Larimer County will be hosting the US34 Coalition meeting next month and requested agenda items from TAC members who are along the corridor.

Herrera provided an update on the Eastman Park and SH257 project.

Phillips stated the Drew Brooks accepted the position of Fort Collins' Deputy Director of Planning, Development, and Transportation and will be looking for a new Transit Director.

Donaldson followed up on a comment from last month regarding resiliency plans. Since the state and NFRMPO do not currently have a resiliency plan, developing a plan is an eligible project for PROTECT. Tracy stated Larimer County is interested in applying.

Pinkham provided a couple of construction updates. The roundabout project at WCR33 and WCR74 is delayed by six weeks. Two Rivers Parkway pavement overlays ran into delays with weather conditions and wildlife issues but is close to completion in the next few weeks. Pinkham stated Weld County received the on-demand transit contract from CDOT for work with VIA Mobility and the Town of Johnstown.

Oberschmidt stated they have a civil engineer opening and a few roadway and traffic signal projects going out for bid. Oberschmidt stated he is tasked with reducing the City's miles of dirt roads from 6 miles to none.

Karnik stated the City of Greeley has a new Community Development Director starting June 22, Brian McBroom. The Greeley Stampede starts June 22.

Gordon discussed the Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge happening between June 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023 using the VanGo™ Vanpools platform. Gordon has resources to share for those who are interested. He also mentioned Bike to Work Day on June 28, 2023 and that NFRMPO staff will be participating in five events across the region.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions – No suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Becky Karasko, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, as a hybrid meeting.