

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, July 12, 2023

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

Call for Projects

Cunningham outlined the Call for Projects schedule. The call will open on August 4th with an applicant training workshop on August 10th. Project descriptions are due on August 25th. Final applications are due October 6th with the scoring committee for STBG, CMAQ, and CRP on November 1st. The TA scoring committee will be on November 8th during the regularly scheduled NoCo Bike and Ped meeting. Cunningham noted the TA program will have \$934,423 available. Eligible applicants are NFRMPO member agencies and CDOT and RAQC.

Cunningham noted the Call for Projects Guidebook outlines all the information that is needed. Requirements for all projects include alignment with NFRMPO 2050 RTP Goals, integration with Congestion Management Process with a SOV Analysis Worksheet for eligible projects, and an equity and performance measure impact worksheet. The minimum request for the TA program is \$50,000 and the maximum request is \$934,423. Local match for all programs is 17.21%. Cunningham noted the criteria are in alignment with the 2050 RTP goals which are Safety, Operations, Mobility, Multimodal, and Regional Health. Younkin asked for clarification on the Air Quality Emissions Reduction thresholds. Cunningham noted the thresholds will be based on the projects the NFRMPO received. Gordon asked if there are other communities that are interested in applying.

Geary noted the City of Fort Collins is planning on applying for Mason Trails Crossing Improvements which includes widening the trail, trail relocation, improve landings, new sidewalk connections, signal detection/actuation, notification improvements, and signal timing improvements. Minor crossing improvements include signage and pavement markings, optimized bicycle/MAC interactions, and signal timing improvements as well as additional bicycle counters. Project cost is about \$1,000,000 but can be scalable to \$500,000.

Greeley on the Go Plan

Johnson noted the Greeley on the Go plan is the 2045 Transportation Master Plan and was adopted in March 2023. The plan provides analysis, recommendations, action plan, and financial assessment across modes with a focus on safety. The primary difference with this new plan compared to the old plan is the focus on safety and the wholistic view across modes. There is a new emphasis on roundabouts and complete streets. The goals are safety, multimodal network, equity and health, economic development, environment and technology, funding and strategic investments, and land use and transportation connection. Johnson stated the origin-destination analysis found that many trips are less than one mile which expands opportunity to promote bicycling, walking, and transit for a larger share of trips. There is a 10-year plan to expand the multimodal network. Some of the projects outlined in the plan are traffic calming on 10th Street, the extension of 4th Street, the Poudre River Trail extension towards the east, and the No 3 Ditch Trail. Johnson noted the plan included a new direction for mobility services which was formerly the transit division. Johnson outlined the proposed mobility expansion which includes fixed route modification, microtransit pilot zones, and micromobility zones. Johnson outlined the funding plan which includes NFRMPO, federal, state, and local funds. Younkin discussed the performance measures in the plan which include safety measures, infrastructure, travel time, mobility connections, and pavement condition. Johnson noted the environmental justice areas and priority investment areas. Younkin outlined the Traffic Calming Toolbox which aims to improve safety. Younkin noted there is a section on roundabouts as a traffic calming method. Geary noted NACTO is updating the urban bikeway design guide and noted FC used the NACTO methodology for Level of Traffic Stress. Geary also shared some of the roundabout findings from the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop.

2050 RTP

Gordon noted the 2050 RTP is out for public comment. The RTP is updated every 4 years and has a 20+ year planning horizon and must look at the multimodal transportation system to meet the region's economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals and the plan must be fiscally constrained. The plan is divided into four sections: planning context, trends, visioning and scenario planning, and funding and financing. Gordon outlined the regionally significant corridors (RSCs) and plan projects. Gordon noted the funding estimates for the fiscally constrained projects with 68% of funding being flexible. Gordon outlined the scenarios that are outlined in the plan which includes a no build scenario and constrained and unconstrained scenarios. Gordon outlined the RSC corridor visions format. The public comment period will close on August 9th. Gordon asked the group to let him know if there are other groups or organizations that the NFRMPO should reach out to include them in the public comment process. Younkin asked how the safety targets were set. Rouser noted the NFRMPO supported the state's targets, and the targets must be data-based.

Roundtable

Rouser noted NFRMPO staff co-hosted Bike to Work Day stations in Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley, Windsor, and Evans. Rouser stated the Safe Routes to School subcommittee is working on a survey that will be sent out to city and town staff to gauge interest in a regional program. Rouser noted the NFRMPO will begin work on the next Active Transportation Plan later this year and requested anyone who would be interested in being on the steering committee to let him know. Gonzalez noted the Weld County Department of Health and Environment will be having the first bilingual travel training on July 13th. Jones noted the final bridge will be delivered July 17th. Once that is in place, the trail will be complete between Windsor and Eaton. The grand opening will likely be next spring due to a section of trail that the town of severance would like to improve. Johnson noted GET is bringing their first steps to shared micromobility to the Greeley City Council for recruiting a business license... licensing process and noted Greeley is looking to find stakeholders and develop goals for Greeley Bikes. Johnson noted Bike to Work Day in Greeley had good participation in the 20 stations across the city. Gordon stated there are 121 people signed up for the Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge and has had good participation. The challenge goes through the end of August. Kelso noted Bike to Work Day in Fort Collins had great participation. Fort Collins is planning Open Streets on September 24th and the city has its first painted curb extension. Geary noted FC had 5,400 participants with 22,531 total station visits. Geary outlined the grants Fort Collins has applied for. Young-Winne noted she is part of the Public Health, Parks, and Recreation Collaborative (PHPR) and the PHPR is looking to plan a Get Out, Get Active event in Northern Colorado. Wilkinson noted Parks and Natural Areas hosted their first BTWD station and the Greeley Trails conceptual map is out for public comment. Guthrie noted Everybody Bike Day went well, and participation was up by 20-30% from last year.